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## **BARTLIT BECK HERMAN PALENCHAR & SCOTT LLP**

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## **NATIONWIDE**

## **LITIGATION TRIAL LAWYERS**

## Litigation: Trial Lawyers Leading Individuals Senior Statesmen Bartlit Jr Fred Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP Band 1 Beck Philip Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

#### Fred Bartlit Jr

#### Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

One of the founding members of Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP, Fred Bartlit is considered to be "one of the finest trial lawyers in America." He has deep trial experience and continues to be active in courts across the United States.

#### Philip Beck

### Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Philip Beck, a founding member of Bartlit Beck, is a Chicago-based trial lawyer who sources describe as "fearless and jury-friendly." He has deep trial experience and offers expertise in a wide range of areas, including complex general commercial, intellectual property, product liability and financial disputes. He regularly appears in state and federal courts across the United States.

## **PRODUCT LIABILITY & MASS TORTS**

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#### **Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP**

THE FIRM This relatively compact group punches well above its weight, offering uniform quality throughout its 60-strong team. The group is held in particularly high regard for work on pharmaceutical litigation, boasting an impressive client list and a number of key wins. Major work includes serving as lead counsel for Bayer in litigation alleging personal injuries caused by oral contraceptives YAZ and Yasmin.

Sources say: "They are terrific. I have not met a lawyer there who is not just outstanding in aptitude and ability." KEY INDIVIDUALS Philip Beck maintains an outstanding reputation for trial work, sources revealing: "He was made for the courtroom; they don't come better than him. He is fearless yet jury-friendly, which is a rare combination." His forte lies in pharmaceutical litigation and he recently led as first-chair in one of the earliest

YAZ cases on trial in 2012. **Donald Scott** is held in high regard by peers for his impressive performance in lead paint cases. He has over 20 years of experience in this niche area and continues to represent a number of high-profile clients, including long-standing client NL Industries. **Adam Hoeflich** is a "very dynamic, young lawyer with really good people skills," praised for his coordination and strategic management skills in major litigation. He acts as lead counsel in a number of high-profile multidistrict litigations, representing clients including Bayer and DuPont.

## **ILLINOIS**

Leading Individuals

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## **LITIGATION**

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#### **Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP**

THE FIRM This prestigious 60-lawyer litigation boutique has a broad practice ranging from pharmaceutical-related product liability work to environmental litigation on behalf of major chemical companies. The team serves as lead trial counsel in multidistrict litigation for a host of major clients, including the likes of Bayer, DuPont, Merck and Georgia-Pacific. Sources say: "Bartlit Beck is an excellent litigation boutique with a value that stands out." "One of the top-rated trial firms in the country."

KEY INDIVIDUALS Philip Beck is cited as a "terrific litigator" on account of his highly distinguished practice

spanning patent, pharma and complex commercial litigation. He has recently acted as lead trial counsel in the defense of Bayer and Merck. **Adam Hoeflich** is a force in multidistrict litigation, known for his counsel in complex class action matters ranging from pharmaceutical withdrawals to mass torts. Highly active on behalf of DuPont, he has recently led its Imprelis and Teflon litigations. **Fred Bartlit**, most recently noted for his service as chief counsel to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, is an esteemed veteran of the Illinois litigation market.

## **BARTLIT BECK HERMAN PALENCHAR & SCOTT LLP**

## **COLORADO**

## **LITIGATION**

## **Litigation: General Commercial**

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Bartlit Jr Fred Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

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## **Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP**

**THE FIRM** This firm continues to be a major force in litigation regionally as well as nationally. It is highly accomplished in all types of commercial litigation and has handled cases involving IP, antitrust, energy, securities, breach of contract and numerous other disputes and claims.

Sources say: "They are distinguished by two things: a dogged pursuit of the underlying facts; and a level of integrity and transparency in their work the like of which I had not see before."

**KEY INDIVIDUALS Donald Scott** is respected for his experience and knowledge across a wide range of areas, including antitrust, patent infringement and fraud, and

product liability. He has recently represented Bayer and AstraZeneca in jury trials regarding their pharmaceutical products. The "very bright and capable" Glenn Summers is an experienced lawyer who continues to develop expertise in the areas of IP infringement and legal malpractice. Recent clients include IDT Corporation and Charter Communications. "Legendary trial lawyer" Fred Bartlit is nationally recognized for his expertise in commercial and patent disputes, among others. In the last year, he has acted as chief counsel to the President's oil spill commission, overseeing the investigation into the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

## CORPORATE/M&A

## Corporate/M&A

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#### Leading Individuals

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Palenchar James Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Band 2

Stephens Thomas Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

#### **Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP**

THE FIRM The team here earns rave reviews for its culture of client service and its deep bench of experts. It has been busy this past year advising on restructurings, but is also a trusted choice of counsel for M&A, securities, corporate governance and fund-related matters.

Sources say: "The best thing is that I can pick up the phone and call and they can tell me exactly what they're doing for us. There's a real emphasis that everyone is responsible for the client – they're all accountable."

KEY INDIVIDUALS James Palenchar "is the best there is: smart, detail-oriented, practical and knowledgeable."

A founding partner of the firm, he has experience in many areas of corporate law, handling everything from billion-dollar acquisitions to complex debt financings. He has recently advised the likes of Western Union and First Reserve. Senior partner **Thomas Stephens** recently advised on the merger between Real Goods Solar and Alteris Renewables. An expert on the Dodd-Frank Act, he recently wrote and published an article on the subject.