

## ALEX L. GRODEN

PARTNER

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Alex Groden joined Bartlit Beck in 2015. He maintains a diverse litigation practice and has represented clients in several high stakes matters involving mass torts, intellectual property, accountants' liability, products liability, and breach of warranty. Alex currently represents Raytheon Technologies in a series of environmental tort actions alleging more than \$1 billion in property damage and personal injury claims.

Alex joined the firm following a clerkship with the Chief Judge Merrick Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Prior to his clerkship, Alex graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was a recipient of the Sears Prize. Alex was an economic consultant with Analysis Group before law school.

### EDUCATION & HONORS

Harvard Law School, 2014, J.D., *magna cum laude*

Sears Prize (Awarded to the Two Students With Highest GPA in First Year)

Board of Student Advisers, Teaching Assistant in Legal Research and Writing

*Harvard Negotiation Law Review*, Editor

Washington University in St. Louis, 2008, B.A.

*Phi Beta Kappa*

Teaching Assistant in Economics

### CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Merrick B. Garland, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 2014-2015

### ADMISSIONS

Illinois

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

*Adinolfe et al v. Pratt & Whitney* (S.D. Fla.)

Trial counsel for Pratt & Whitney (a division of Raytheon Technologies) in environmental tort cases alleging groundwater contamination in and around Pratt & Whitney's facility in Palm Beach County, Florida, involving

more than \$1 billion in alleged property damage and personal injury claims. Defeated class certification (and excluded plaintiffs' main expert) after a 5-day evidentiary hearing.

***ET Plus Litigation*** (Jackson County, Missouri)

Trial counsel for defendants Trinity Industries and Trinity Highway Products in class-action litigation involving product liability claims related to Trinity's ET Plus guardrail end terminal system. Trial is set for October 2020.

***Bayer CropScience LP v. BASF SE*** (E.D. Va.)

Counsel for Bayer CropScience in patent dispute regarding polymorphs of tembotrione, the active ingredient in Bayer's Laudis® herbicide. Case settled soon after complaint was filed.

## **CASES TRIED OR OTHERWISE TAKEN TO JUDGMENT**

***Confidential Arbitration*** (Chicago, New York)

Trial counsel for an accounting firm. Obtained a complete defense verdict following a two-week arbitration.

***UroPep v. Eli Lilly*** (E.D. Tex., 2016-17)

Trial counsel for UroPep, securing a plaintiff verdict in a patent infringement jury trial concerning Eli Lilly's sales of Cialis to treat benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). The jury determined Eli Lilly infringed UroPep's patent, rejected all of Eli Lilly's invalidity defenses, and awarded \$20 million in damages.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Illinois ARDC Hearing Board Officer, appointed by the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois

Children's Research Fund (affiliated with Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago), Board Member

## **BIG WINS**

Bartlit Beck Defeats Class Certification In Large Environmental Tort Case

## **NEWS**

Bartlit Beck Scores A Trio Of Patent Trial Verdicts

07.05.2017

John Hughes And Bartlit Beck Team Win \$20MM Plaintiff's Verdict Against Eli Lilly

04.24.2017

Alex Groden, Former Merrick Garland Clerk, Quoted in the Chicago Tribune

03.2016