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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 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

Pratt & Whitney Acreage Litigation (S.D. Fla.)

Trial counsel for Pratt & Whitney in environmental tort cases involving more than \$1 billion in alleged property damage and personal injury claims arising out of the declaration of a "cancer cluster" in a neighborhood near Pratt & Whitney's West Palm Beach facility.

Adinolfo et al v. Pratt & Whitney

Defeated class certification (and excluded plaintiffs' main expert) after a five-day evidentiary hearing.

Cotromano et al v. Pratt & Whitney

Obtained a defense verdict after a three-week jury trial on seven plaintiffs' property diminution claims.

Santiago v. Pratt & Whitney

Won summary judgment on personal injury claims. Bartlit Beck served as appellate counsel in the Eleventh Circuit, where summary judgment was affirmed.

Pinares v. Pratt & Whitney

Won summary judgment on personal injury claims. Bartlit Beck is serving as appellate counsel in the Eleventh Circuit, where the appeal is pending.

ET Plus Litigation

National counsel for defendants, Trinity Industries and Trinity Highway Products, in class actions, *qui tam* actions, personal injuries, and other litigation in multiple jurisdictions related to Trinity's ET Plus guardrail end terminal system.

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

Cotromano et al v. Pratt & Whitney

Obtained a defense verdict after a three-week jury trial on seven plaintiffs' property diminution claims.

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) – Vice Chair, Fundraising

BIG WINS

Bartlit Beck Defeats Class Certification In Large Environmental Tort Case

NEWS

Bartlit Beck Obtains Defense Verdict for Pratt & Whitney in Palm Beach Cancer Case
07.27.2022

Bartlit Beck Announces Election of Five New Partners
01.09.2020

Bartlit Beck team, led by Sean Gallagher, helps Pratt & Whitney defeat class certification in an environmental lawsuit brought by Florida property owners
05.04.2018

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