

Complex Tort & General Casualty

From Risk to Resolution: Defense Strategies for High-Stakes, Multiparty Claims

Defending complex liability claims requires not only legal experience but also strategic coordination across diverse and evolving litigation challenges. In large-scale, multiparty cases, businesses and their insurers face substantial financial, regulatory, and reputational risks. When faced with personal injury, wrongful death, property damage, or product liability claims, you need lawyers with experience coordinating and implementing scalable defense strategies.

Hinshaw provides comprehensive counsel throughout the full lifecycle of complex tort and general casualty matters. We have a proven track record of defending businesses against multiparty lawsuits, including class actions, mass torts, and multidistrict litigation.

Our team combines early investigation, large-scale defense coordination, efficient litigation management, and proactive risk prevention strategies to deliver cost-effective results, whether through negotiated settlements, dispositive motions, trial verdicts, or appeals. Our approach is grounded in a deep understanding of our clients' business operations and risk profiles, ensuring that defense strategies align with organizational goals.

From early case assessment through trial and appeal, we approach every matter with a focus on minimizing risk, controlling costs, and preserving reputational integrity. Our lawyers have defended some of the largest and most complex tort claims in the country, whether arising from industrial accidents, construction site incidents, product failures, or toxic exposures.

Trial-Tested Team: Hinshaw boasts one of the largest and most respected litigation practices in the U.S. With seasoned trial lawyers – including Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers – and former federal prosecutors, we have a track record of winning high-stakes litigation and appellate matters at all levels of state and federal courts nationwide.

Scalable Defense: Our lawyers develop comprehensive, coordinated defense strategies to tackle multiple lawsuits that are filed simultaneously across the U.S. by plaintiffs' lawyers. We offer centralized management for multijurisdictional matters, optimizing outcomes and costs.

Integrated Risk Management: Our team provides practical advice on risk prevention, insurance coverage, and regulatory compliance, supporting clients beyond the courtroom. We advise on product literature, recalls, and compliance to prevent disputes and enhance operational resilience.

Areas of Focus

Aviation & Aerospace Litigation

We represent manufacturers, airlines, insurers, and component part suppliers in personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death cases related to aviation incidents. Our team understands the specialized regulatory environment and technical issues at play in this sector.

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Construction & Industrial Site Accidents

We defend contractors, developers, property owners, and insurers in litigation involving structural collapses, equipment malfunctions, OSHA violations, and jobsite safety. Our team is experienced in navigating multi-party disputes and indemnity issues common in construction litigation.

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Fire, Explosion & Chemical Exposure Litigation

Our attorneys investigate and litigate claims related to fire and explosion incidents, including those stemming from chemical spills, gas leaks, and industrial malfunctions. We often represent clients in highly technical cases involving chemical manufacturers, processors, and distributors.

Food, Beverage & Consumer Product Litigation

We advise and defend clients in the food, beverage, and consumer goods industries in litigation involving alleged contamination, mislabeling, false advertising, and product-related injury. Our work includes class actions and regulatory investigations.

Life Sciences

Our lawyers understand the unique challenges of the life sciences sector. Serving pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device companies, we defend against liability claims involving drugs, implants, and diagnostic equipment. Our lawyers address allegations of defects, failure to warn, and adverse events, often in multidistrict or class action litigation. Partnering with medical and scientific experts, we develop a defense strategy that is aligned with our clients' innovation goals.

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Premises Liability & Property Damage

Hinshaw represents property owners, businesses, and insurers against claims arising from accidents, injuries, and property damage at commercial, industrial, or public sites. We conduct early and thorough investigations to assess liability and claim viability, providing actionable recommendations—whether negotiating settlements or defending matters in court. In addition to trial counsel, we advise on risk prevention, insurance coverage, and regulatory compliance, helping clients resolve claims efficiently and reduce future exposure.

Product Liability

We defend manufacturers, distributors, and insurers in complex product liability disputes involving appliances, medical devices, chemicals, and vehicle components, among other types of products. We handle catastrophic injury, wrongful death, and class action claims, leveraging deep technical knowledge and a national network of experts. From litigation strategy and regulatory compliance to product recall management and drafting customer-facing warnings, we help clients minimize future risk.

Toxic Tort & Mass Tort Litigation

We represent companies in high-stakes mass tort and toxic exposure litigation, including class actions and environmental incidents that often span multiple jurisdictions. Our team coordinates defense strategies, settlement negotiations, and regulatory guidance for claims involving chemical exposure, contamination, and hazardous materials. By working with scientific and medical experts, we provide comprehensive advice on insurance coverage and protect clients' reputations and financial interests.

Transportation & Logistics

We defend transportation and logistics companies, and their insurers, in personal injury, wrongful death, property damage, and regulatory claims. Our services include accident investigation, compliance with DOT and FAA standards, and contract drafting. With extensive trial experience and a focus on rapid response and early investigation to preserve evidence and assess liability, we deliver strategic defenses and proactive risk management across the supply chain.

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Defense That Goes the Distance

When faced with complex tort and casualty claims, you need a partner who brings more than just courtroom skills. At Hinshaw, we combine national litigation strength with industry-specific insight—delivering results that protect your business, your brand, and your bottom line.

Insights

Webinar

Nov 11, 2025

Robert Finley Speaks on Personal Injury Settlement Strategies Related to Medicaid's Anti-Lien Provisions

Event

Oct 8, 2025

Tomislav Kuzmanovic Presents on the Importance of Indemnity Agreement Clauses at the 37th Annual Product Liability Conference

Press Release

Oct 7, 2025

Litigation Attorney Heather Calhoon Joins Hinshaw's Miami Office as a Partner

Press Release

Sep 26, 2025

Hinshaw Recognized as a "Leader in Litigation" in the *BTI Consulting Litigation Outlook 2026* Survey

Press Release

Sep 12, 2025

Eugene Brown Jr. Named Among the 2026 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigators in America

Press Release

Aug 25, 2025

Craig Liljestrand Elected to the IADC *Defense Counsel Journal's* Editorial Board

Press Release

Aug 21, 2025

102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™

Event

Jul 9, 2025

Craig Liljestrand Presents on PFAS Litigation

Press Release

Jun 30, 2025

Jill Eckhaus Re-Elected to a Three-Year Term on the Illinois Defense Counsel Board of Directors

Press Release

Jun 17, 2025

Scott Seaman Supports Ruling that Held Federal Jurisdiction is Appropriate in Insurance Coverage Disputes

Press Release

Apr 16, 2025

Madeline Huerta Admitted to the Chicago Bar Association's 2025 Leadership Institute Program

Event

Mar 13, 2025

Geoffrey Coan Presents eDiscovery CLE Panel at Bench-Bar Leadership Summit

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Manufacturing

Real Estate

Regulatory & Compliance

Transportation & Mobility