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About Geoff

Geoff focuses on mass torts and products liability litigation, particularly on pharmaceutical and medical device matters. He handles single-plaintiff cases, state court-coordinated proceedings, multidistrict litigation, and class actions. He has handled cases involving generic pharmaceutical products for pain relief, cancer, hypertension, and gastric reflux, as well as medical devices such as pain pumps, spinal fixation devices, hip implants, and insulin delivery systems.

Geoff's Affiliations

- Council on Litigation Management, Claims College, School of Litigation Management, Faculty; Product Liability Committee
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- [Rabiej Litigation Law Center](#)

Areas of Focus

Industries: Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals

Services: Complex Tort & General Casualty; Consumer & Class Action Defense; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Serves as national counsel for a manufacturer of specialized coated and laminated protective barriers in multidistrict litigation alleging perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) injuries arising from firefighting equipment.
- Serves as national counsel and a member of the defense leadership team for a pharmaceutical manufacturer in multidistrict and coordinated state court actions involving prescription chemotherapy medication alleged to cause permanent hair loss and ocular injuries.
- Serves as national counsel for a pharmaceutical finished dose manufacturer and a re-packager in multidistrict and coordinated state court actions involving blood pressure medications (valsartan, irbesartan, and losartan) alleged to cause cancer.
- Actively serving as counsel for several universities in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) football multidistrict litigation with class action claims involving allegations of knowingly concealing the dangers associated with concussions.
- Served as national counsel for a pharmaceutical generic drug manufacturer in coordinated state court actions involving allegations that a dopamine receptor antagonist used to treat a variety of gastrointestinal symptoms (metoclopramide) caused neuromuscular disorders.
- Served as national coordinating counsel for a pharmaceutical company in multidistrict litigation arising out of the use of contaminated heparin.
- Defended a pharmaceutical company in a class action arising out of prescription flea and tick powder.
- Served as national coordinating counsel for a leading pharmaceutical manufacturer in litigation arising out of a professionally labeled over-the-counter product.
- Served as counsel for a manufacturer of modular hip systems in several coordinated state court cases alleging product defects and failure to warn.
- Served as national coordinating counsel for a medical device company in multidistrict litigation arising out of the use of a tubeless insulin pump for the delivery of subcutaneous drug therapy.
- Served as local counsel for the New England Compounding Center's (NECC) national, multidistrict meningitis litigation in the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts.
- Successfully defended a distributor of an orthopedic product focused on the small bone and joint market in litigation arising from the implantation of joint spacers.
- Served as national counsel and provided risk management services for an orthopedic and spine medical device manufacturer in products liability actions involving various products.
- Served as national coordinating counsel for a medical device company in mass tort litigation arising out of using a pain pump to deliver medication to the shoulder following arthroscopic surgery.
- Successfully defended a leading manufacturer of plastic baby bottles in a class action lawsuit involving allegations of injuries resulting from the ingestion of Bisphenol-A.

Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent Peer Review
- Berkley Life Sciences, Elite Defense Counsel
- MEDMARC Attorney of the Year, 2008, 2012; Attorney Honor Roll, 2006 – 2007, 2009 – 2011
- *New England Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2005
- *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, The ‘Biggest’ Defense Wins of 2004, June, 2005

Credentials

Education

Vermont Law School, JD, *cum laude*, 1991

University of Hartford, BSBA, 1988

Bar Admissions

Connecticut

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US Court of Federal Claims

US District Court for the District of Connecticut

US District Court for the District of Massachusetts

US District Court for the District of New Hampshire

Interests

Did you know...

Geoff enjoys boating with his family.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

Geoff presents on litigation topics, including pharmaceutical and medical devices and risk management. As faculty at the Council on Litigation Management, Claims College, School of Litigation Management, he teaches introductory courses on litigation.

- Panelist, “Controlling eDiscovery,” Discovery Issues Unique to Mass-Tort MDLS, CLE, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, March 13, 2025

Event

- Geoffrey Coan Presents eDiscovery CLE Panel at Bench-Bar Leadership Summit, Mar 13, 2025

In The News

- Geoffrey Coan Quoted in Law360 Article “Product Liability Legislation & Regulation To Watch In 2016”, Dec 28, 2015

Press Release

- Hinshaw Veteran Spotlight: Geoffrey Coan, Boston, Dec 2, 2022