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OVERVIEW

Edward Slaughter serves as Chair of the Environmental and Toxic Tort Practice Group. He has been a trial lawyer for more than thirty years and has tried cases to verdict across the country including the California landmark defense victory in *O'Neil v. Crane, et al.* and *Hayes v. Colgate-Palmolive Company, et al.*, where the jury found cosmetic talc personal care products did not cause plaintiffs cancer.

Edward manages national litigation and emerging risks, partnering with local GRSM offices in all 50

states and other outside counsel with industry and jurisdiction-specific experience. He has successfully managed mass tort cases nationally, obtaining thousands of dismissals without payment in the earliest stages of litigation. Edward has also been actively involved in reshaping the litigation landscape through tort reform. He assisted in drafting legislative proposals and testified before the Texas House Civil Practices Committee to close the loophole that allowed thousands of out-of-state claims to be filed in Texas.

Edward is also a frequent author and invited speaker on critical legal issues, alternative fee arrangements, and developing efficient models for legal project management and cost control.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Trials

- *Borenstein v. PACCAR* – Islip, NY (July 2024)
- *Barkley v. Colgate* – Los Angeles, CA (2024)
- *Thomas v. Colgate* – Oakland, CA (2024)
- *Phillips v. Howmet* – New York, NY (2024)
- *Albert v. Crestpark, LLC et al* – Helena, Arkansas (September 2023)
- *Thompson v. Hennessy Industries* – Fort Lauderdale, FL (2023)
- *Chapman v. Avon et al.* – Los Angeles, CA (2022)
- *Sesock v. A.O. Smith Water Products Co., et al.* – New York, NY (2022)
- *Eggers v. Colgate* – Oklahoma City, OK (2022)
- *Moore v. Colgate et al.* – Los Angeles, CA (2021)
- *Woodruff v. Zidell Explorations et al.* – Tacoma, WA (2021)
- *Arlan Wieland and Dina Wieland v. ArvinMeritor, Inc. et al.* – Edwardsville, IL (2020)
- *Raegena Boggs and Paul Boggs v. 3M Company, et al.* – Wheeling, West Virginia (2020)
- *Jennifer E. Bechtel, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Henry S. Eisler, Jr., v. Alcoa Corporation, et al.* – Seattle, Washington (2019)
- *Cynthia Hayes, as Executrix of the Estate of Donna Ann Hayes v. Colgate-Palmolive Company, et al.* – Louisville, Kentucky (2019)
- *Shirley Jo Godfrey, Individually and as Executrix for the Estate of Robert C. Godfrey v. American Biltrite Inc., et al.* (2019)
- *Allison Linsky v. Amchem Products, Inc., et al.* – New York City, New York (2019)
- *David O. Dorey and Rebecca L. Dorey v. Arconic, Inc., et al.* – Seattle, Washington (2019)
- *Desiree Hooper-Lynch v. Colgate-Palmolive Company, et al.* – New York City, New York (2019)
- *Sally & Charles Brandt v. Colgate-Palmolive Company, et. al.* – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2019)
- *Paul Garcia v. Colgate-Palmolive Company, et. al.* – Los Angeles, California (2018)
- *John Egri v. 3M Company, et al.* – New York City, New York (2018)

- *Olga Gonzalez, Ventura Gonzalez III, and Lisa Saenz, Individually and as Representatives of the Estate of Ventura Gonzalez, II, Deceased v. CNA Holdings, Inc., f/k/a Celanese Corp.* – Kingsville, Texas (2018)
- *Bonnie J. Marzik, Administratrix for the Estate of Gerald G. Marzik v Honeywell International, Inc, et al.* – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2017)
- *Owens v. Reynolds Aluminum Development Co.* – Bridgeport, Connecticut (2017)
- *Carol Cote and William Cote v. A.W. Chesterton Company, et al.* – Edwardsville, Illinois (2016)
- *Peter LaMonica, et al. v. Colgate-Palmolive Company, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2016)
- *Charles Vanderyacht v. C.H. Murphy/Clark Ullman, Inc. et al.* – Portland, Oregon (2016)
- *Frank Gondar v. A.O. Smith Water Products, et al.* – New York City, New York (2016)
- *Fraser, et al. v. Boething Treeland Nursery Co., d/b/a Treeland Conejo, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2015)
- *Swasey, et al. v. Asbestos Companies, et al.* – Oakland, California (2015)
- *FitzSimons v. Air & Liquid Systems, et al.* – New York City, New York (2015)
- *Mastin v. A.O. Smith, et al.* – New York City, New York (2015)
- *Ricci v. Alcoa, et al.* – New York City, New York (2015)
- *Roberto Campagna v. 3M, et al.* – New York City, New York (2015)
- *Sergio Hravtin v. A.O. Smith Water Products, et al.* – New York City, New York (2015)
- *Adam Jones v. John Doe – Alice, Texas* (2015)
- *Tully v. American Biltrite, et al.* – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2014)
- *Michelle Brockmyer, Individually and as Successor-in-Interest to Richard Smith, Deceased, and Eric Smith v. Union Carbide Corporation, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2014)
- *Diosadado China v. A.O. Smith Water Products, et al.* – New York City, New York (2014)
- *George Purville v. A.W. Chesterton Company, et al.* – New York City, New York (2014)
- *Remo Corsi v. 3M Company, et al.* – New York City, New York (2014)
- *Vincent Santino v. American Biltrite, Inc., et al.* – New York City, New York (2014)
- *John Murray v. A.O. Smith Water Products, et al.* – New York City, New York (2014)
- *Hiroko Felton, individually and as successor in interest to the Estate of Donald L. Felton, Deceased, v. Davison-Conroy, Inc., et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2014)
- *Freddie Beauchamp, Jr. vs. American Honda Motor Company, Inc., et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2014)
- *Franklin Schwab and Patricia Schwab v. Pneumo Abex LLC, et al.* – Santa Cruz, California (2013)
- *Evelyn Molloy v. Crane Co. et al.* – New York City, New York (2013)
- *Silas J. Minton, Jr. and Stacey L. Minton v. Borgwarner Morse Tec Inc., et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2013)

- *Natalie R. Dean, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Paul Gaydos, Deceased, and Rebecca Lynn Karlik and Deane Maries Gaydos v. Alcoa, Inc.* – Houston, Texas (2013)
- *Steven Burleson, et al. v. 3M Company, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2012)
- *Thomas Metcalf, et al. v. Parker-Hannifin Corp, et al.* – San Francisco, California (2012)
- *Jacob Jager and Norma Jager v. 3M Company, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2011)
- *Richard Steiner v. Abex, et al.* – Santa Barbara, California (2011)
- *Robert Verant v. Allis Chalmers, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2011)
- *Nasseem and Sanna Farag v. Advance Auto Parts, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2010)
- *Richard Spencer, et. al. v. Amcord, Inc. et. al.* – Los Angeles, California (2010)
- *Una Miller, et al. v. Alfa Laval, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2009)
- *Erik Lange, et al. v. Alfa Laval, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2009)
- *Rebecca Pelletier, et al v. Alfa Laval, Inc., et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2009)
- *Charles and Glenda Cundiff v. Alfa Laval, Inc., et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2009)
- *Arleen Pellegal v. Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Inc. f/k/a Avondale Industries, et al.* – New Orleans, Louisiana (2008)
- *Barbara J. O’Neil, individually and as successor-in-interest to Patrick J. O’Neil, deceased, et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2008)
- *Mary Ann Duncan, Individually and as Rep of the Estate of Milton Duncan v. Alfa Laval* – York, South Carolina (2008)
- *Peggy Wilson, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of Allan Edward Wilson, deceased v. A.W. Chesterton, et al.* – New York City, New York (2008)
- *Bobby Dale James, et al. v. The Sherwin-Williams Company* – Dallas, Texas (2007)
- *Johnny Franklin, et al v. General Motors Corporation, et al.* – Lawrenceburg, Kentucky (2007)
- *The Vince Hagan Company, Inc. v. The Sherwin-Williams Company* – Dallas, Texas (2007)
- *Melba Learn v. Alfa Laval, Inc., et al.* – Los Angeles, California (2007)
- *Stanley Racik v. Alfa Laval, Inc.* – Los Angeles, California (2007)
- *Texas Treasure Fields, Inc. v. Tommy Ford, et al.* – Dallas, Texas (2006)
- *Paul Verret & Judith Verret v. American Biltrite, Inc., et al.* – Fort Worth, Texas (2004)

Reported Decisions and Successful Results

- *Quiroz, et al. v. Alcoa, et al.*, CV-16-0248-PR (Ariz. 2018)
- *Hendrix v. Alcoa Inc.*, 2016 Ark. 453
- *Murphy USA, Inc. and Mary Frances Maxwell, Mgr. v. Freddie J. Rose and Laureen Irving*, 12-15-00197-CV (Tex. App.—Tyler 2016)
- *Quiroz, et al. v. Alcoa, et al.*, 1 CA-CV 15-0083 (Ariz. App., Div.1; 2016)
- *Pounders v. Enserch E&C, Inc.*, 306 P.3d 9 (Ariz. 2013)
- *Farag v. Arvinmeritor, Inc.* 205 Cal.App.4th 372 (Cal. Ct. App. 2012)

- *Robertson v. Doug Ashy Bldg. Materials, Inc.*, 77 So. 3d 360 (La. App. 2011)
- *Robertson v. Doug Ashy Bldg. Materials, Inc.*, 77 So. 3d 339 (La. App. 2011)
- *Robertson v. Doug Ashy Bldg. Materials, Inc.*, 77 So. 3d 323 (La. App. 2011)
- *Frances Robertson, et al. v. Doug Ashby Building Materials, Inc., et al.* (2010)
 - Sherwin-Williams' Motion to Strike Dr. Eugene Mark
 - Daubert Order
- *In Re: Multi-District Asbestos Litigation*, 2004-03964 (2004)
 - Daimler-Chrysler Corporation's Havner Motion
 - Judge Mark Davidson's Opinion
- *Jones v. Abraham*, 341 Ark. 66; 15 S.W.3d 310 (Ark. 2000)
- *Jones v. Abraham*, 67 Ark. App. 304; 999 S.W.2d 698 (Ark. App. 1999)
- *National Bank of Commerce v. Dow Chem. Co.*, 165 F.3d 602 (U.S. App. 1999)
- *Lowery v. Transport Ins. Co.* (U.S. App. 1998)
- *Vaughn v. Huey* (Ark. App. 1997)
- *Skaggs v. Cullipher*, 57 Ark. App. 50; 941 S.W.2d 443 (Ark. App. 1997)
- *Holloman v. Keadle*, 326 Ark. 168; 931 S.W.2d 413 (Ark. 1996)
- *Stephens v. Shalala*, 50 F.3d 538 (U.S. App. 1995)

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, Alternative Fee Arrangements, *Law.com*, August 2018
- Author, Who Goes on the Verdict Form: Arkansas' Evolving Apportionment Rules, *LinkedIn Article*, April 2018
- Author, Two Years of Asbestos Trust Transparency in Texas, *Civil Justice Response Committee Newsletter*, February 2018
- Author, National Compendium of Causation Standards in Asbestos Litigation, *LinkedIn Article*, December 2017
- Author, Who Goes on the Verdict Form: Obfuscation in Oregon, *LinkedIn Article*, September 2016
- Author, Naturally Occurring Asbestos in the United States
- Author, Explaining Compensable Activities Under FLSA
- Author, Beacon: Signaling a New Duty to Future Homeowners in California?
- Author, Rest Easy: Latent Disease and the Construction Statute of Repose
- Author, National Asbestos Litigation Update
- Author, Spare the Rod and Spoil the Arbitration
- Author, National Counsel and Alternative Fee Agreements
- Author, Is Your Expert a Liar or Does he Really Believe That Garbage?

- Author, When Experts Lie: The Lawyer's Duties of Advocacy and Candor in Tension
- Author, Defense Ethics and Professionalism: Can I Bill for This? A Call for Mentoring in the Modern Law Firm
- Author, The Ethics 2000 Commission Amendments to the MPRC
- Author, Aids Phobia: The Infliction of Emotional Distress and the Fear of Aids

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, Docket Management in Mass Filing Jurisdictions, Perrin Conferences, Los Angeles, California, March 2019
- Speaker, Objective Medical Evidence in Asbestos Litigation, DRI, Asbestos Medicine Seminar, Austin, Texas, November 2018
- Speaker, Mesothelioma Diagnosis and Attribution Evidentiary Issues Review, In-House CLE Series, Greenwood Village, Colorado, March 6, 2018
- Speaker, Using Industrial Hygiene and Dose Calculations in Household Exposure and Neighborhood Claims, In-House CLE Series, Chicago, Illinois, November 8, 2017
- Speaker, A Claims Professional's Guide to Understanding Medical Issues in Asbestos Litigation, In-House CLE Series, Hartford, Connecticut, September 7, 2017
- Speaker, Defending Bystander, Household Exposure, and Environmental Exposure Claims in Asbestos Litigation, In-House CLE Series, Hartford, Connecticut, September 7, 2017
- Speaker, Risk Analysis and Defense Strategy in Mesothelioma and Lung Cancer Cases, In-House CLE Series, Chicago, Illinois, February 21, 2017
- Speaker, Expert Witness Selection and Strategic Planning in Asbestos Litigation, In-House CLE Series, Boston, Massachusetts, January 26, 2017
- Speaker, Asbestos and Talc National Review and Trends, The National Forum for Environmental & Toxic Tort Issues (FETTI), Chicago, Illinois, September 21-23, 2016
- Speaker, Using Objective Evidence in Defending Mesothelioma Claims, In-House CLE Series, Dover, Delaware, February 24, 2016
- Speaker, Defending Heavy Equipment and Automobile Friction Exposure Claims, In-House CLE Series, Chicago, Illinois, January 21, 2016
- Speaker, Industrial Hygiene and Epidemiology Evidence in Asbestos Litigation, In-House CLE Series, Boston, Massachusetts, January 19, 2016
- Speaker, Navy Exposures, Apportionment of Fault, and Sole Cause Evidence in Mesothelioma Cases, In-House CLE Series, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 9, 2015
- Speaker, Defending Mesothelioma Cases with Objective Medical Evidence, Advanced Trial Tactics Seminar, In-House CLE Series, Montalba, Texas, January 9, 2015
- Speaker, Debunking the Every Exposure Contributes Myth in NYCAL Asbestos Litigation, Perrin Conferences, New York, New York, December 2, 2014

- Speaker, Identification and Defense of High Risk Mesothelioma and Lung Cancer Cases, In-House CLE Series, Boston, Massachusetts, October 17, 2014
- Speaker, Identifying Medical and Causation Issues in Mesothelioma and Lung Cancer Cases, The National Forum for Environmental & Toxic Tort Issues, Union League Club, Chicago, Illinois, October 8-10, 2014
- Speaker, Asbestos Field Guide, Practical Guidelines for Claims Professionals, In-House CLE Series, Chicago, Illinois, August 15, 2014
- Speaker, Asbestos Field Guide, Practical Guidelines for Claims Professionals, In-House CLE Series, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 25, 2014
- Speaker, Prepare to Win: Identifying the Issues that Win the Toughest Trials, In-House CLE Series, Montalba, Texas, May 2, 2014
- Speaker, Medical Defense in Mesothelioma Cases: Nonmalignant Mesothelial Hyperplasia and other Diagnostic Challenges, In-House CLE Series, San Francisco, California, February 12-13, 2014
- Speaker, Strategic Motion Practice in Toxic Tort Litigation, Claims and Litigation Management, Construction / Environmental / ADR / AFA Conference, Costa Mesa, California, November 8, 2013
- Speaker, Every Breath You Take...I'll Be Watching You, Challenging Expert Causation Opinions in Toxic Tort Cases," Perrin Conferences, Asbestos Defense Strategic Summit, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 6, 2013
- Speaker, Gatekeepers & Garbage Men Redux, Perrin Conferences, Asbestos Defense Strategic Summit, Miami, Florida, November 7, 2012
- Speaker, Liars, Hacks, and True-Believers: Cross Examination Strategies for Plaintiffs Expert Witnesses, National Client Meeting, Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami, Florida, November 7, 2012
- Speaker, National Asbestos Litigation Update, The National Forum for Environmental & Toxic Tort Issues, Union League Club, Chicago, Illinois, September 26-28, 2012
- Speaker, Emerging Ethical Risks for Attorneys: Outsourcing, Litigation Financing, Social Media, Cloud Computing, eDiscovery, and Lawyer Mobility, HB Litigation Conference, July 25, 2012
- Speaker, Essentials of Business Law Course: Finding the Best Litigator for Your Client, Texas Bar CLE, May 11, 2012
- Speaker, Juries, Social Media and the Court, LexisNexis Webinar Series, April 24, 2012
- Speaker, Review of the California Supreme Court's Landmark Decision in O'Neil v. Crane et al., Harris Martin Federal and State Asbestos Litigation Conference, February 20-21, 2012
- Speaker, Understanding the Medical Defense in Mesothelioma Cases, In-House CLE Series, January 26-28, 2012
- Speaker, Gatekeepers & Garbage Men: Challenging Meritless Causation Opinions, Asbestos Defense Strategic Summit, November 9, 2011
- Speaker, An Ethical Alternative: Application of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct in Alternative Fee Arrangements, Dallas In-House Summit by Texas Lawyer, October 20, 2011

- Speaker, Defeating Claims Against Automobile Component Suppliers, 14th Annual National Asbestos Litigation Conference, October 3-4, 2011
- Speaker, Implementing Alternative Fee Agreements—Challenges and Concerns for Clients and Carriers, DRI Lawyer’s Professionalism & Ethics Committee Webinar, June 22, 2011
- Speaker, Deconstructing the Myth of Low Dose Causation in Toxic Tort Cases, In-House CLE Series, June 9, 2011
- Speaker, Quasi-Intentional Torts & The Erosion of the Exclusive Remedy Provision, 4th Annual Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation Conference, April 7-8, 2011
- Speaker, Always Be Closing: The ABCs of Delivering Compelling Closing Arguments, Santa Fe Trial Tactics Seminar, January 15, 2011
- Speaker, Alternative Compensation Models and the Attorney-Client Relationship, Santa Fe Trial Tactics Seminar, January 14, 2011
- Speaker, Bending the Iron Triangle: A New Model for Predictability and Cost Control in Litigation, Dallas In-House Summit by Texas Lawyer, November 10, 2010
- Speaker, Legal Project Management, Achieving Quality Assurance and Cost Control in Litigation, In-House CLE Series, May 9, 2010
- Speaker, National Counsel and Alternative Fee Agreements: Aligning the Interests of Attorney and Client, Texas Lawyer Corporate Counsel Summit, April 7, 2010
- Co-Chair, HB Litigation Conferences Annual Benzene Litigation Conference, July 2009
- Speaker, The Government Contractor Defense & The Duty to Warn, Harris Martin Asbestos Seminar, 2008
- Speaker, A Practical Review of Disease Diagnosis and Causation Evidence in Asbestos Litigation, Defense Research Institute Asbestos Medicine Seminar, 2007
- Speaker, Defending Retailers in Silica Litigation, Defense Research Institute Silica Medicine Seminar, 2005
- Speaker, Internet Resources for Your Law Practice, Arkansas Bar Association, 1999
- Speaker, Investigation and Trial of Fire Related Losses Due to Arson or Product Failure, Arkansas Chapter of Association of Special Investigative Units, 1999
- Speaker, Scientific Evidence and Application of the Daubert Standard for Scientific Evidence, Arkansas Bar Association, 1998
- Speaker, Winning Your First Trial, Arkansas Bar Association, 1997, 1996

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California

- Connecticut
- Illinois
- Missouri
- New York
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- West Virginia
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth and Fifth Circuits
- Supreme Court of the United States

Memberships

- Defense Research Institute
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Law Alumni Society Board for the University of Arkansas

Education

- University of Arkansas School of Law (Pursuing LLM, Agriculture & Food Law)
- CLMP, Litigation Management Institute, 2012
- J.D., University of Arkansas School of Law, 1994
- B.A., University of Memphis, 1991

Honors

- *Best Lawyers in America*® distinction in Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2013-2025, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2025
- International Order of Barristers
- Judicial Externship, Honorable Jimm Larry Hendren, United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas
- Commencement Speaker, University of Arkansas School of Law, 1994
- National Champion, First Amendment Moot Court Competition, Vanderbilt University School of Law, 1994
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers* Magazine