

Environmental & Toxic Tort

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- Proposition 65 (California)

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OVERVIEW

GRSM is a leader in the defense of environmental, chemical, asbestos, cosmetic and industrial talc litigation, and other toxic tort claims. We have a proven record of success at trial, on appeal and through cost-effective settlements. From PFAS and talc litigation to air quality and hazardous substance releases, we offer experienced lawyers in every state. We have the experience, resources and depth both to manage national litigation and to work as local counsel, and to act as trial counsel anywhere in the United States.

ASBESTOS, TALC, & TOXIC TORT

The lawyers in our asbestos and talc practice have defended over ten thousand asbestos and cosmetic talcum cases across the country. GRSM attorneys have hundreds of years of collective experience in litigating highly contentious asbestos and talc cases in the most challenging, plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions. The firms trial teams have tried hundreds of asbestos and talc cases nation-wide and won defense verdicts in the some of the most dangerous jurisdictions in the country including New York, Texas, Illinois and California. With offices in all 50 states, and over 100 attorneys practicing in our asbestos and talc group, GRSM is ready to defend our clients nationwide better than any firm in the country.

Recognized as leaders in the field, we have led the way in developing and implementing successful defenses for clients across the United States through our work as local counsel, national coordinating counsel, and trial counsel. We work with our clients to find the right strategy to resolve each situation, whether through informal negotiation or aggressive discovery, motion practice and trial.

AGRICHEMICALS & AGRIBUSINESS

We have extensive knowledge of the science, application and industry practices regarding pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and related products. We represent clients in regulatory, compliance and transactional matters and have successfully defended hundreds of litigation and pre-litigation matters for manufacturers, distributors and other clients in the agrichemicals and agribusiness industries.

CHEMICAL EXPOSURE

GRSM helps companies of all sizes manage liability and claims resulting from exposure to a vast array of toxic chemicals. This experience includes defending clients in injury and death claims related to PFAS, benzene, butadiene, formaldehyde, silica, food flavoring products and other chemicals. Our representation and experience in these areas spans all jurisdictions and industries.

ENVIRONMENTAL

With a unique combination of insurance, business and environmental experience, our attorneys help clients manage their environmental exposures and liabilities in matters resulting from transportation, storage, recycling and disposal of hazardous substances and waste materials. This can include:

- Contaminated groundwater, including drinking water aquifers
- Underground and above-ground storage tank release incidents
- Indoor air quality
- Oil spills and pesticide run-off
- Stormwater

We can help with federal and state environmental regulations, investigations and compliance issues anywhere in the United States.

COMPLIANCE & TRANSACTIONS

Our lawyers have substantial government regulatory compliance, contract review and regulatory counseling capabilities, and frequently represent clients in federal and state regulatory enforcement proceedings.

We handle commercial and corporate transactions, including supply and distribution agreements, testing and data development agreements and strategic alliance agreements. In real estate transactions, we evaluate property, negotiate and draft environmental risk transfer mechanisms, and prepare related representations, warranties, and disclosures.

CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 65

GRSM has counseled dozens of companies in hundreds of matters involving Prop 65, which requires companies to give clear warning of products containing chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects. We have provided compliance directions to and defended companies of all sizes, from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses, for all kinds of foods and beverages, supplements and consumer products.