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Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau LLP

Mass Tort Litigation and Class Action Defense



From left: Craig Blau, Vincent A. Errante, Jr., Jennifer W. Darger, Judith A. Yavitz

When Fortune 100 companies face legal challenges in the areas of mass tort, product or premises liability and commercial litigation, they turn to Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau LLP (DEYB). Name partner Craig Blau recently noted that the boutique firm excels in its ability to provide expertise in complex areas while providing individualized attention to clients.

“We’ve become a ‘go-to’ firm in asbestos defense litigation,” said Blau. “Our leadership spent years developing and honing legal skills at top law firms, and we bring this ‘big firm’ experience to every facet of our practice. We have particular expertise in mass tort litigation at national, regional and local levels.”

Locally, the firm serves as New York City Defense Liaison Counsel, where it coordinates asbestos litigation in New York City for dozens of law firms and hundreds of companies. Its successes in this role, among several others, have led to annual, nationwide recognitions by *Best Lawyers*, *Best Law Firms* and *Super Lawyers*. In July 2016, the firm was named the nation’s best litigation boutique by *Wealth & Finance International*. The firm was also recently profiled in *Forbes* for the third time as a mass tort leader.

Indeed, DEYB’s prestige in these litigation defense areas has attracted new talent; the firm has doubled in size to almost 50 employees — including 21 lawyers — since its formation in 2011.

Whether through litigation, negotiation or trial, DEYB finds practical solutions for the legal issues businesses face involving asbestos, benzene, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, Chinese drywall, dietary supplements, cell phones and more.

“This is a difficult field but we’re always prepared for the challenge,” he said. “The four founding partners worked for many years at large international law firms before starting the firm, and we collectively have more than 100 years of mass tort litigation experience.”