

Award-Winning Boutique Is Best Known for Mass Tort Litigation

Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau LLP

Upon learning their firm had been named the nation's best litigation boutique for 2016, the attorneys and staff at Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau LLP were pleased and honored but should not have been surprised.

After all, the Manhattan-based legal practice, best known for asbestos defense litigation, has won a series of prestigious accolades since its formation in 2011, including annual recognitions by Best Lawyers, Best Law Firms and Super Lawyers. The firm is proud to be profiled in *Forbes* for a third time as a leader that continues to grow and excel in this complex area of the law.

"Still, in some ways, this is just the start for us," says founding partner Craig Blau, "as we continue to look for new ways to further enhance our reputation and identify additional opportunities to grow and develop our practice." The firm has grown to a team of nearly 50. Blau notes that two of DEYB's younger attorneys were recently named "Rising Stars" by Super Lawyers, demonstrating the firm is dedicated to developing its younger lawyers and well positioned to excel for years to come.

Widely known for its expertise and success in managing and defending complex product liability cases, mass tort claims and other business disputes for companies of all sizes, DEYB takes pride in offering big-firm-quality legal representation in a cost-effective manner.



Partners (left to right): Craig Blau, Vincent A. Errante Jr., Jennifer W. Darger, Judith A. Yavitz

Indeed, the four founding partners were previously partners and practice group leaders at large international firms and collectively have over 100 years of experience in mass tort litigation. Clients, including many Fortune 100 and 500 companies, benefit from the firm's skillful and creative use of a variety of legal strategies.

Creative and Effective Legal Strategies, Hands-on Client Service

As New York City Asbestos Litigation defense liaison counsel, DEYB is at the forefront of this area of law. It is now the "go to" firm in asbestos defense litigation, not only in New York City, but nationally, explains Blau. The firm has had considerable success in getting several high-profile cases severed from consolidated trial groups and in obtaining early dismissals in other cases at the summary judgment stage. The firm has also successfully represented Fortune 500 companies at trial along with

national counsel and is nationally known for its effective management and resolution of complex mass tort cases across the country.

In another significant victory on behalf of Fortune 500 companies,

attorneys at the firm obtained a deferred docket staying thousands of unimpaired asbestos personal injury claims in New York City. DEYB also represented Fortune 500 companies in obtaining a significant court ruling reducing defendants' liability by including bankrupt companies in apportionment of asbestos personal injury claims.

"Each of our partners, including founding partners Jennifer Darger, Vinny Errante and Judy Yavitz, is very hands-on in managing day-to-day activities for our clients," Blau says. "In fact, excellent service is a hallmark of the firm. Keeping our clients informed at all times is of the utmost importance to us as we work to find creative, effective and economical solutions to their issues."

Understandably, everyone at DEYB is proud of the recognitions and accolades the firm has earned over the years. "We also take great pride in the high quality of the work we do," Blau says, "and in our many successes in the courtroom and at the negotiating table.

"What we are most proud of – and grateful for – however, is the trust our clients continue to place in us. They can rest assured we will do our very best to earn that trust year after year."

