

Personal Injury

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Attorneys at Law

“Effective and caring advocacy for clients has earned Lieff Cabraser its first-class reputation.”

Daily Journal

Personal Injury

The Brief

Among the nation's largest and most highly regarded plaintiffs' law firms

Assisted clients recover over **\$129 billion** in verdicts and settlements since the firm's founding in 1972

125+ attorneys in San Francisco, New York, Nashville, and Munich

Successfully resolved thousands of individual, personal injury, and wrongful death cases across the U.S.

Litigate serious injury cases involving:

Auto, SUV, truck & recreational vehicle accidents

Aviation accidents

Medical malpractice

Contaminated food & medical products

Faulty medical devices

Fires & burn injuries

Prescription drugs with dangerous side effects

Toxic exposures & environmental disasters



Best Lawyers and U.S. News have selected Lief Cabraser five times as a national "Law Firm of the Year" for mass tort class actions.

Restoring Balance Achieving Justice

A severe injury can be overwhelming, and there is little more devastating than the loss of a loved one. If such an injury or loss is the result of carelessness or wrongdoing, you are likely to feel anger toward those responsible. It's important to first care for the injured and mourn your loss. But ultimately, if you believe an unsafe or defective product—or wrongful conduct—caused the harm suffered by you or a family member, you may want to take legal action.

Most states allow people to bring personal injury or wrongful death lawsuits to require the responsible parties to pay damages and take corrective action to protect other individuals in the future.

Lieff Cabraser's personal injury lawyers work hard to achieve the justice you deserve. We have brought thousands of individual cases and hundreds of class and group actions to trial, and have an outstanding record of success.

How to pick a law firm

It is critical to choose a law firm that has achieved success in personal injury and wrongful death cases. Your firm should also show you sensitivity and respect, assure that your case receives personal attention throughout its resolution, and have the talent and financial resources required to take on powerful defendants.



“Despite their vast resources, we take on the most powerful corporations in the United States and the world. Our attorneys ensure the truth is told and convince judges and juries that our clients’ cases are righteous.”

Lexi J. Hazam

Partner, Chair of Personal Injury Practice Group, Whistleblower/False Claims Act, and Environmental Law Practice Groups

Recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” for Mass Tort/Class Action (*Best Lawyers in America*); “Elite Woman of the Plaintiffs Bar” (*National Law Journal*); “Plaintiffs Lawyer Trailblazer” (*National Law Journal*); Lawdragon “500 Leading Lawyer,” “500 Leading Consumer Lawyer,” “500 Leading Financial Lawyer”; “Western Region Trailblazer” (*The American Lawyer*)

Top Rankings, Year after Year

The victories we have achieved for our clients place our litigators among the nation’s best. We have been recognized in:

Benchmark Litigation

Best Lawyers (including Lawyers of the Year)

Best Lawyers/U.S. News Best Law Firms

California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year

Chambers USA (National Band 1 ranking)

Daily Journal’s Top Practice Groups

Daily Journal’s Top 100 Attorneys in California

Law 360’s Most Feared Plaintiffs’ Law Firms

Lawdragon’s Top 500 Plaintiffs’ Lawyers

The Legal 500

Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review

The National Law Journal’s 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America

The National Law Journal’s Midsize Hot List

The National Law Journal’s Plaintiffs’ Hot List

The National Law Journal’s Plaintiffs’ Hot List Hall of Fame

Super Lawyers (including Top 100, Top 50 Female, and Top 10 Super Lawyers)

Super Lawyers Business Edition (Antitrust, Commercial, and Securities Litigation)

Passionate Lawyers Extraordinary Results

Since our founding over 45 years ago, Lieff Cabraser has played a leading role in many of the largest, most important injury cases in the U.S. The class actions and individual personal injury cases we have litigated have involved a vast range of intentional and negligent misconduct as well as a wide variety of dangerous and defective products.

Fen-Phen Diet Drugs

We represented 2,000+ patients who suffered heart disease, pulmonary hypertension, or other problems from Fen-Phen use.

**\$4.75 billion
settlement fund**

Issue: Undisclosed
Drug Side Effects



**\$54 million
verdict**

Issue: Lethal
Safety Defect

Chrysler (Park to Reverse)

In a wrongful death lawsuit, we showed that a known defect in a Dodge Dakota pickup truck killed a young father. The jury returned a \$54 million verdict for the family.

Guidant Cardiac Defibrillator Implants

These devices were recalled after failures and patient deaths. We served on the Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel Committee in federal litigation.

**\$240 million
settlement**

Issue: Defective
Heart Device



**\$42 billion
recovery**

Issue: Dangerous
Side Effects

Multi-State Tobacco Litigation

We represented the Attorneys General of Massachusetts, Louisiana, and Illinois, and other states, cities, and counties in landmark litigation against cigarette manufacturers.



Sulzer Hip and Knee Implants

We played a significant role in negotiating a settlement with Sulzer after it recalled tens of thousands of defective artificial hip and knee implants.

\$1 billion settlement

Issue: Defective Devices

\$8.5 billion in claims paid

Issue: Gross Negligence

BP Gulf Oil Disaster

We are one of the law firms spear-heading this litigation. The Court has approved settlements which require BP to fully compensate all individuals and businesses that suffered economic losses.

Bextra/Celebrex

We served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and chaired the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in litigation against drug manufacturer Pfizer for injuries due to its pain-relief medicines.

\$850 million settlement

Issue: High-Risk Low-Benefit Medications

“The pursuit of justice motivates all of us at Lief Cabraser. It is the engine that drives us to take a genuine, personal interest in your case and become heart-and-soul advocates for your rights.”



Steven E. Fineman
Managing Partner

Recognized by *Best Lawyers* as the 2016 New York City "Lawyer of the Year" in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Plaintiffs



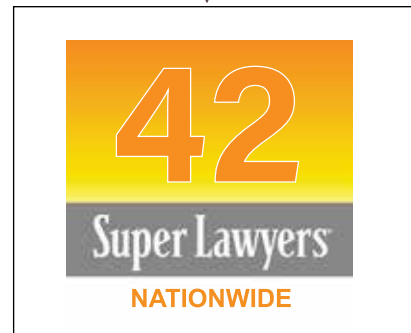
The National Law Journal has selected our firm as one of the nation's top plaintiffs' law firms for fourteen years.



Super Lawyers magazine selects top attorneys in each state, chosen by peers and through independent research.



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Our Commitment is to You

We've dedicated our practice to justice and fairness, so when companies make unsafe products or engage in unfair practices that cause harm, we stand up for you and work hard to make them pay for the damage and correct the wrong.

Lieff Cabraser's integrity and strong sense of social responsibility are widely recognized by judges, clients, and our peers in the legal profession. The deep talent and experience of our lawyers may be the most important reason for our successful record, but other aspects of our firm are also important.

Personal attention and respect

We treat our clients as people, not numbers. Whether you are an individual with a single

claim, or one of many involved in a larger case, you will have a relationship with our attorneys who will regularly communicate with you.

Substantial financial resources

Personal injury and wrongful death suits are expensive to litigate. Lieff Cabraser can challenge rich, powerful corporations because we have the funds to cover the costs of these cases—however long the work may take.

Nurses, medical specialists, and other experts

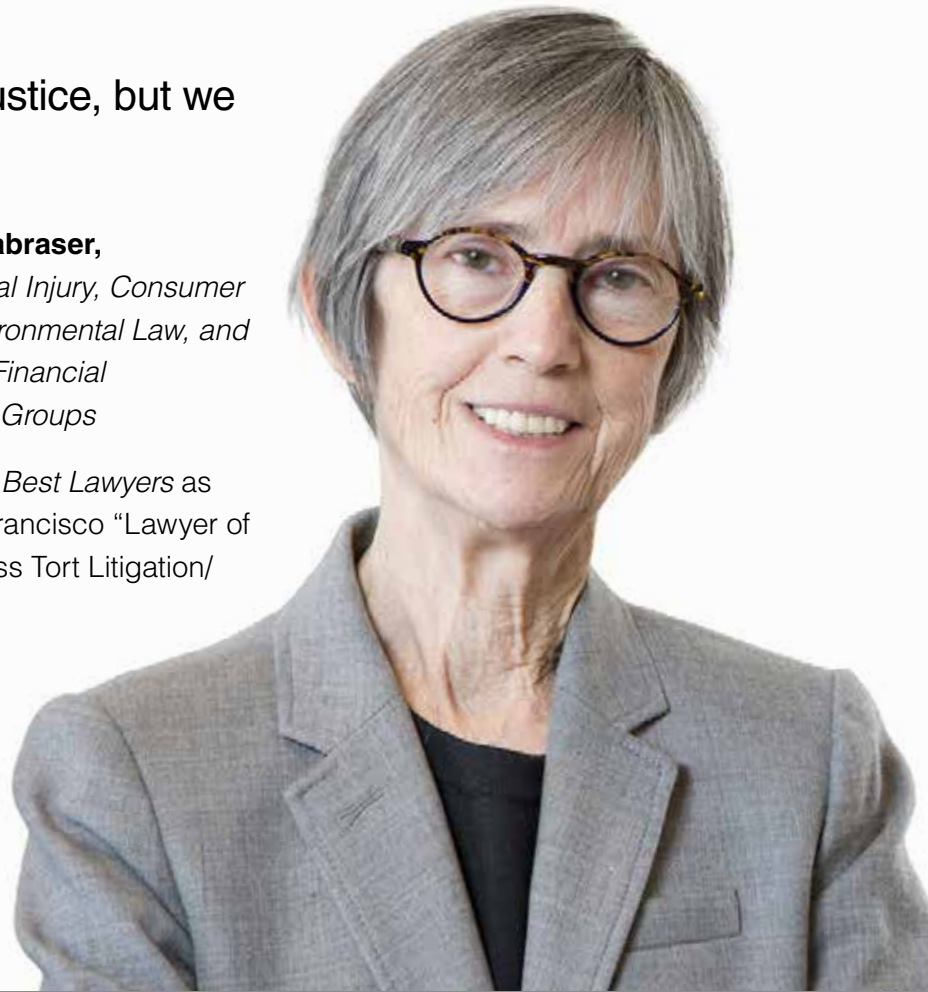
Proving the cause of a defect or accident is often a highly technical undertaking. Our in-house legal nurse consultants, scientific and medical analysts, and investigators have expert skills in evaluating cases and determining causes and monetary values for claims.

“All of us have an instinct for justice, but we have to act on it.”



Elizabeth J. Cabraser,
Partner, Personal Injury, Consumer Protection, Environmental Law, and Securities and Financial Fraud, Practice Groups

Recognized by *Best Lawyers* as the 2020 San Francisco “Lawyer of the Year” in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions



Individual Personal Injury Recoveries

RECOVERY CASE

\$54 million	Defective transmission in Chrysler pick-up truck led to death of young father. Jury verdict included \$50 million in punitive damages.
\$42 million	Jury held tobacco companies liable for the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease plaintiff developed from smoking. Verdict included \$25 million in punitive damages.
\$27 million	Florida jury verdict included \$20,760,000 in punitive damages against major tobacco companies.
\$7.5 million	Undisclosed prescription drug side effects caused life-threatening injuries.
\$7.2 million	Jury found Chrysler liable for transmission defect that caused vehicle to shift into reverse, killing an infant.
\$6.0 million	Negligence by U.S. airline resulted in passenger’s death.
\$5.9 million	Improper design of vehicle fuel tank led to explosion, severely burning driver.
\$4.8 million	Injuries from dangerous prescription drugs required a heart and lung transplant.
\$4.2 million	Prescription drug caused life-threatening condition.
\$3.8 million	Failure to perform timely surgery led to medical malpractice suit.
\$3.2 million	Improper design of SUV led to rollover accident and severe injury.

There are Things that Matter More than Money

We obtained an injunction requiring Mobil to notify aircraft owners that a dangerous synthetic oil it produced caused premature cylinder wear. Affected aircraft owners also received free engine repairs.

Aircraft Risks Reduced



Minivan Latches Replaced

Chrysler was required to recall 3.8 million minivans to replace rear latches. Prior to the recall, an estimated 37 passengers—more than half of them children—died in accidents when they were ejected from the rear of the minivans.



Mandated Fuel Safety Research

To settle a class action involving 4.7 million owners of 1973–1987 GM C/K pickup trucks with side fuel tanks vulnerable to explosion, GM had to provide funding for independent fuel system safety research projects.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission recalled 650,000 drop-down Doral Asia cribs after we alerted it to entrapment and suffocation hazards.



Defective Cribs Recalled

Our Clients Speak for Themselves

“You were responsive to my questions and concerns at all times. The quality of representation was excellent.”

Jill in Indiana

Client/Dangerous prescription drug case

“Thank you for your hard work and superior expertise in our time of need. You were professional, personable, honest, and timely in your responses.”

Ryan in California

Client/Defective vehicle and burn injury case

“I couldn’t be more pleased with how the case resolved. What stands out is your professionalism, personal attention, and concern.”

Cheryl in Utah

Client/Dangerous prescription drug case

“I’m so thankful to you for my settlement. I now can afford to start college. I have a future again, and I’m feeling hope and joy for the first time since the accident.”

Jessica in California

Client/Defective vehicle case

“Thank you for all that you and your team has done to represent us. I truly believe our goal was met: to place a spotlight on the defect that cost our son his life. Words cannot express what your support has meant to me.”

Kathy in Pennsylvania

Client/Defective vehicle case

“You kept the faith and were diligent and professional. You believed in me. You are effective and proceeded on my behalf far better than others I have dealt with. Good work done by all.

Mary in Minnesota

Client/Dangerous prescription drug case

“You treated us with great kindness and have exhibited extraordinary solicitousness and concern for us and for the welfare of our family. The settlement that you negotiated on our behalf will make it possible for me to have the kind of professional assistance that I require. I am profoundly grateful to have you in my life, and for your purposeful advocacy on my behalf.”

Michael in California

Client/Medical malpractice case

Your Questions Answered

You are likely to have many questions about the legal process and your case. We are happy to answer them, and want you to be fully informed. If you have questions that do not appear here, please let us know.

Q: What are my legal rights after an accident or injury?

A: In most states, you can bring a case for negligence and other legal claims. Spouses can be included in cases or make independent claims for compensation for loss of support and other benefits of marriage. Most states entitle a spouse and any children to sue for a wrongful death if applicable.

Q: What is negligence?

A: Negligence is the failure to act with reasonable care. A negligence claim focuses on the conduct of the party being sued (the defendant). If negligence is severe and the defendant is found to have been highly irresponsible, an award for punitive damages can be justified.

Q: Statute of Limitations: How quickly must I hire an attorney?

A: Each state has a deadline for filing lawsuits, which is known as the **statute of limitations**. In some states, it is as little as one year from the date of the accident or

injury. Other deadlines imposed by state law may require you to take action even sooner than within one year. It is critical to preserve all relevant evidence, such as a defective vehicle, medical device and related material, contaminated food product, or medications.

Q: Will I have to pay a fee for your initial review of my case?

A: Absolutely not. We review cases free of charge and without any obligation on your part.

Q: How much will I be charged if you take my case?

A: We charge a contingent fee--a percentage of the recovery we obtain--as set forth in a written contract with you. We do not charge hourly fees, and we earn nothing until you receive a recovery via trial or settlement.

Q: Who will we sue?

A: To make sure those responsible are held accountable, we thoroughly investigate the conduct of all potential defendants. For example, if a case involves prescription drugs, we examine the conduct of the manufacturer, the pharmacy, and the prescribing physician. In vehicle injury cases, we thoroughly review the car or truck design as well as any outside component manufacturers. The investigation depends on the facts of your case.

Q: How long will a lawsuit take?

A: It is impossible to predict the time required to resolve a given case. In some instances, a case will settle to our client's satisfaction soon after filing. In most instances, however, the defendants deny liability and the subsequent litigation process can be more lengthy.

We work as swiftly as possible to bring each case to a successful conclusion. We charge no hourly fees and earn no compensation until you receive your recovery.

Q: How do I select an attorney to represent me?

A: The best choice is an attorney with substantial experience successfully handling cases similar to your own, along with a passion for achieving justice for each client. It is also important to choose a firm with the substantial financial resources required to conduct a case against a powerful defendant through trial and, if necessary, any appeals.

Q. What recovery will I receive?

A: In most jurisdictions, if you suffer a personal injury, a defendant found responsible must pay for past and expected future medical care, past and future lost earnings, and an amount to compensate for any pain and suffering. Your spouse may also be entitled to an award. If a loved one has died as a result of the injury, the recovery is usually based on the amount of lost economic support

and services, plus, in some jurisdictions, compensation for grief and mental anguish. In some states, severely bad conduct can also entitle survivors to punitive damages.

Q: Why shouldn't I just work things out with the defendant's insurance company?

A: Resolving a complex case involving catastrophic injuries or a death without legal representation is not advisable. Corporations and their insurers naturally want to minimize their payments to those injured. Our goal as your advocate is to identify the responsible parties, and to strive for full, fair compensation for your losses, and obtain justice for you.

“All of our clients have suffered major losses. We never lose sight of their need to hold those responsible for their losses accountable. Our interest in reaching a just resolution is personal and genuine.”

Wendy R. Fleishman,

Partner, Personal Injury Practice Group

Recognized as a New York Super Lawyer
for the past eighteen years



Champions of Justice

We are driven by a strong, principled sense of social responsibility. We are committed to achieving justice for patients, consumers, employees, patients, investors, and business owners; promoting safer products and fair competition; protecting our environment; assisting individuals in blowing the whistle on fraud; safeguarding the rights of patent and copyright holders; ensuring our rights to privacy are preserved; and upholding the civil rights of individuals worldwide.

Blending the highest quality legal skills with deep financial resources, Loeff Cabraser has prevailed in complex cases involving the world's largest corporations. Many of our cases have resulted in landmark decisions and precedent-setting rulings, including:

The Attorney General litigation against the tobacco industry

Litigation against European banks and businesses to recover the assets of Holocaust victims and survivors

Emissions fraud litigation against Volkswagen and Audi leading to an unprecedented \$15.9 billion in settlements

Class settlement of the USC/George Tyndall student sexual abuse cases valued at \$215 million

A \$54 million jury verdict against an auto manufacturer for failing to correct a known defect in millions of its vehicles

Over \$1 billion in cash payments to homeowners in the Masonite defective siding and roofing cases

A \$78.5 million settlement with the University of Phoenix, the largest settlement ever in a False Claims Act case involving the U.S. Department of Education

Antitrust litigation against the world's leading manufacturers of TFT-LCDs for conspiring to fix prices that resulted in settlements totaling \$470 million

Disclaimer: The outcome of your legal matter will depend upon the facts and applicable law of your case. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

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