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## **A Trial Attorney for the Injured**

The Managing Partner of Lieff Cabraser's Nashville office, Mark P. Chalos is a top litigator working on complex civil cases in federal courts in Tennessee and across the United States. Mark represents individuals who have suffered catastrophic personal injuries, as well as consumers and businesses who have been defrauded.

Over the past 20 years in practice, Mark has obtained hundreds of millions of dollars in jury verdicts, arbitration rulings, and settlements for individuals, families, government and public entities, as well as and businesses who have been harmed by wrongful conduct.

To help fight the opioids catastrophe that has devastated communities across America, Mark represents states, large and small counties, cities, Native American tribes, and health benefit providers in litigation that seeks to make our communities safer. In connection with the firm's court-appointed leadership role in the national opioids litigation, Mark has been selected to serve on the team preparing for the historic first trials in the litigation. Mark has also been interviewed by various national media outlets regarding the fight to keep our families and communities safe from the opioids catastrophe.

Mark also prosecutes product defect civil cases against U.S. and foreign corporations that make and sell allegedly defective or dangerous consumer products. Some cases involve products causing unfair economic loss, while others involve products causing serious injuries or fatalities. Mark's product defect cases include failing automobiles and trucks, mold-plagued front-loading washing machines, and dangerous pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices.

Mark has been appointed to leadership roles in numerous complex civil proceedings, including: Co-Lead MDL Counsel in In re Whirlpool Front Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation, MDL 2001 (N.D. Ohio); Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in Weidman v. Ford (Brake Failure Litigation), Case No. 2:18-cv-12719 (E.D. MI); Chair of MDL Expert Committee in In re General Motors Air Conditioning Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, MDL 2818

(E.D. MI); Plaintiffs Steering Committee, Federal/State Litigation Liaison, in *In re New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. Products Liability Litigation* (fungal meningitis/infections), MDL 2419 (D. Mass); Plaintiffs Steering Committee and Co-Chair Plaintiffs Expert Committee in *In re Navistar Diesel Engine Product Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2223 (N.D. Ill); and Plaintiffs Steering Committee in *In re Ford Switch Fire Litigation*, Texas state MDL, Travis County, Texas, Cause No. D-1-GN-08-000901. He also represents clients in many centralized litigations across the country.

An active member of the legal community, Mark serves as the Vice-President of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association (formerly served as Secretary and Treasurer of the organization), on its Board of Governors, and as Treasurer of the Political Action Committee Lawyers Involved for Tennessee (LIFT). Mark has also served on the Tennessee Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Committee (Co-Chair), Nashville Bar Association YLD Board of Directors, and the Editorial Board of the Nashville Bar Journal. On the national level, Mark serves as Secretary of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) Class Action Litigation Group, Member of the AAJ Public Affairs Committee, and Member of the National Finance Council. He has served as Chair of the AAJ Public Education Committee.

Mark and his co-authors recently updated their acclaimed book, *Litigating International Torts In United States Courts* (Thomson Reuters West, 2019 ed.), a practical resource for legal practitioners and judges. Mark has also published a number of articles in journals, including articles in the national publications *TRIAL Magazine* and *The Trial Lawyer* on holding foreign companies accountable for injuries they cause in the U.S., and has served on the Law360 Product Liability Editorial Advisory Board, providing feedback on Law360's news coverage of the legal world. Mark is currently working a book regarding consumer class actions (Thomson Reuters West, publication forthcoming).

Mark serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Vanderbilt Law School, teaching *The Practice of Aggregate Litigation*. He also serves on the Select Committee on Class Actions within Emory University School of Law's Institute for Complex Litigation and Mass Claims.

Mark is a frequent speaker at legal seminars nationwide on a variety of civil litigation topics. He has also been cited by top-tier media outlets including *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *The Washington Post*, NPR's *Morning Edition*, *The Associated Press*, *CNN*, *CBS This Morning*, and *MSNBC*. Recently, Mark acted as legal analyst for a series of articles in *The Tennessean* regarding a nationally-significant privacy trial based on illegal videos taken of a woman in a Nashville hotel by another hotel guest and distributed on the internet, leading to a \$55 million jury verdict for the plaintiff.

Mark has been named among *The Best Lawyers in America*, "Mid-South Super Lawyers," "Nashville's Best Lawyers," and *Nashville Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar." Mark has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* via peer vote nationwide in the fields of "Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Plaintiffs" from 2012 through 2020. Mark was named in the *Nashville Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" from 2015-2017 and to the "Top 100: 2015 Tennessee Super Lawyers," a distinction for attorneys with the highest evaluations statewide. Mark was named an American Bar Foundation Fellow in 2016. The organization is dedicated to advancing justice through rigorous research on the law and membership is limited to 1% of attorneys in each state. Also from 2016 – 2020, Mark was listed as one of *Nashville Post's*

lawyers “In Charge,” particularly after he helped lead national litigation for victims of a deadly meningitis catastrophe that killed 64 people in 2012 and thereafter, and for his ongoing work on opioid litigation in response to the nationwide crisis.

Mark is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Seventh Circuits; the United States District Court for the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of Tennessee; the Northern District of Florida; and the courts of the State of Tennessee. He is a member of the American, Tennessee, and Nashville Bar Associations, as well as the American Association for Justice and Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association.

## **Areas of Practice**

Consumer Protection, Defective Products, Personal Injury

## **Education**

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia

J.D. - 1998

Honors: Dean’s List

Honors: Award for Highest Grade, Admiralty Law

Law Review: Emory International Law Review, Research Editor

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

B.A. - 1995

## **Bar Admissions**

Tennessee, 1998

U.S. Supreme Court, 2012

U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 1999

U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, 2012

U.S. District Court Northern District of California, 2007

U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida, 2006

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee, 2006

U.S. District Court Middle District of Tennessee, 2000

U.S. District Court Western District of Tennessee, 2002

## **Professional Associations and Memberships**

American Bar Association (Past-Chair, YLD Criminal & Juvenile Justice Committee; Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Professionalism Committee)

American Association for Justice (Chair, Public Education Committee)

Frist Center for the Visual Arts (Founding Member; Young Professionals Program)

Harry Phillips American Inn of Court

Historic Belcourt Theatre (Past Board Chair; Board of Directors)

Kappa Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity Alumni Association (President)  
Nashville Bar Association (YLD Board of Directors; YLD Continuing Legal Education and Professional Development Director)  
Nashville Bar Journal (Editorial Board)  
Nashville Cares (Board of Directors)  
Tennessee Bar Association (Continuing Legal Education Committee)  
Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association (Vice President, Board of Directors)  
Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission (Grant Review Panelist)  
Tennessee Association for Justice (Board of Directors, 2008 - 2011; Legislative Committee)

## Published Works

“Why Fair Trials are Important to the American Legal System,” op-ed, *The Tennessean*, 2020  
Litigating International Torts in United States Courts, 2019 ed., Thomas Reuters/West, 2019  
“Guidelines And Best Practices For Large And Mass-Tort MDLs, (Second Edition),” Bolch Judicial Institute, Duke Law School, September 2018 (Drafting Team Leader).  
“Supreme Court Limits The Reach of Alien Tort Statute in Kiobel,” *Legal Solutions Blog*, April 2013  
“The Rise of Bellwether Trials,” *Legal Solutions Blog*, March 2013  
“Amgen: The Supreme Court Refuses to Erect New Class Action Bar,” *Legal Solutions Blog*, March 2013  
“Are International Wrongdoers Above the Law?” *The Trial Lawyer Magazine*, January 2013  
“Kiobel v Royal Dutch Petroleum: Supreme Court to Decide Role of US Courts Abroad,” *ABA Journal*, January 2013  
“Legislation Protects the Gully [in Deadly Meningitis Outbreak],” *The Tennessean*, December 2012  
“Successfully Suing Foreign Manufacturers,” *TRIAL Magazine*, November 2008  
“Washington Regulators Versus American Juries: The United States Supreme Court Shifts the Balance in Riegel v. Medtronic,” *Nashville Bar Journal*, 2008  
“Washington Bureaucrats Taking Over American Justice System,” *Tennessean.com*, December 2007  
“The End of Meaningful Punitive Damages,” *Nashville Bar Journal*, November 2001  
“Is Civility Dead?” *Nashville Bar Journal*, October 2003  
“The FCC: The Constitution, Censorship, and a Celebrity Breast,” *Nashville Bar Journal*, April 2005

## Honors and Awards

AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell  
Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in the fields of “Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions - Plaintiffs,” 2012 - 2021  
“Lawyer of the Year for Product Liability Litigation,” Southeast, Best Lawyers, 2021  
“Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement,” American Antitrust Institute, 2020  
“In Charge - Legal,” *Nashville Post*, 2016-2020.

“Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers in America,” 2005 - 2019

“Tennessee Litigation Star,” Benchmark Plaintiff, 2013 - 2015

“Best of the Bar,” *Nashville Business Journal*, 2008 - 2010, 2015-2017

“Super Lawyer for Mid-South,” *Super Lawyers*, 2011 - 2017

“Top 50 Nashville Super Lawyers,” *Super Lawyers*, 2013-2017

“Top 100 Tennessee Super Lawyers,” *Super Lawyers*, 2013-2017

“Rising Star for Mid-South,” *Super Lawyers*, 2008 - 2010

“Top 40 Under 40,” *The Tennessean*, 2004