

## MASS TORT AND CATASTROPHIC LOSS

Mass tort claims and catastrophic loss often result in bet-the-company litigation and threaten to disrupt business operations on a large scale. In such critical moments, business continuity is of the utmost importance.

For more than 100 years, Armstrong Teasdale's trial lawyers have enjoyed unparalleled success in both state and federal courts and have prevailed on a variety of tort and catastrophic loss claims. While we aim for quick resolution, our lawyers also have a reputation for handling high-stakes, high-value matters for clients in the courtroom and have generated more than 30 top-ranking plaintiff and defense verdicts in Missouri alone in recent years.

The firm's talented team of trial lawyers serves clients on a national level and includes a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, former RNs and medical staff, fire and explosion professionals, former judges and federal investigators. We have decades of combined experience handling matters for clients across the country and across industries related to personal injury, insurance coverage, product liability, medical malpractice, privacy and data security, professional malpractice, vehicular liability and premises liability, among others. Our depth of experience in mass tort and toxic tort litigation claims includes explosions, pollutant exposure, automotive and boating accidents, and electrocution.

Our lawyers work across practice areas to leverage the most relevant experience for our clients. We serve clients in the following related areas:

- Asbestos Litigation
- Class Action Litigation
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Environmental
- Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- Fire and Electrical Liability Litigation
- Health Care and Life Sciences
- Insurance Coverage Litigation
- Internal Investigations
- Medical Malpractice
- Product Liability

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Dismissal in Multimillion-Dollar Qui Tam Case**

Represented a health care client in a qui tam action involving alleged violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute, False Claims Act and equivalent state-level laws. The U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey dismissed the complaint with prejudice.

#### **Obtained Dismissal for Communications Client in Wrongful Death Suit**



Obtained a dismissal for a communications client in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, in which they were involved as a party in a wrongful death, negligence and fraud case brought against one of their own clients. The motion to dismiss was granted based on lack of personal jurisdiction and failure to state a claim.

**Multimillion-Dollar Personal Injury Toxic Tort Case for Fortune 150 Client**

Tried multimillion-dollar personal injury toxic tort case for Fortune 150 corporation for over 12 weeks in Missouri state court. Represented the client in an appeal to the Missouri Court of Appeals resulting in the reversal of over \$200 million in assessed damages.

**Summary Judgment in Wrongful Death Action**

Obtained summary judgment in an action for wrongful death arising from a catastrophic truck accident.

**Dismissal of Claims for Wrongful Death of Professional Hockey Player**

Secured a dismissal of claims against a national sports association for lack of personal jurisdiction in an action for the wrongful death of a professional hockey player that was upheld on a writ by the Missouri Court of Appeals.

**Seven-Day Jury Trial for Tractor-Trailer Driver**

Served as co-counsel to the driver of tractor-trailer in a seven-day jury trial in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Illinois.

**Dismissal for Physician in Personal Injury Case**

Won an order dismissing a physician for lack of personal jurisdiction in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois in an action for injuries related to cosmetic laser surgery.

**Summary Judgment for Auto Dealer in Multiple Wrongful Death Actions**

Obtained summary judgment for an auto dealer in multiple actions for wrongful death arising from a catastrophic trucking accident.

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

March 22, 2023

**AT Health Law Beat, March 2023**

June 1, 2017

**From Nursing to Law: One Attorney's Unique Career Path**

Missouri Lawyers Weekly

March 31, 2017

**Attorneys Nicolas Cejas, Scott Kozak Discuss Collateral Source Rule in IADC Article**

March 28, 2017

**More Rigorous Standards for Admissibility of Expert Witness Testimony in Missouri**

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**Missouri Supreme Court Scales Back on Litigation Tourism**