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Education

J.D., St. John's University
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Bar Admissions

New York

U.S. Supreme Court

All federal districts in New York and
the U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First,
Second, Fourth and D.C. Circuits

Thomas Fox has defended numerous companies in a variety of product liability, toxic tort and consumer protection class action lawsuits in New York and around the U.S. These companies have included manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, personal care products, food products and building construction materials, as well as transportation companies. The toxic tort exposure cases defended by Mr. Fox have involved allegations concerning asbestos, benzene, chlorine, lead, MTBE and other exposures. Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Fox was an in-house counsel for a major international energy corporation.

As part of a national trial team while at Skadden, Mr. Fox successfully defended allegations of civil conspiracy in asbestos litigation in courts across the country, including several trials. He also participated in the trial defense of RICO and consumer protection claims involving a pharmaceutical product in federal court in Boston.

Mr. Fox has counseled manufacturers on the development of warnings and product literature, advised groups on the drafting of legislative initiatives directed toward tort reform, and negotiated product and insurance-related provisions in connection with corporate transactions.

His practice also has included representing companies in numerous insurance coverage arbitrations in London and New York.

As part of a national effort, he also developed and implemented integrated settlement strategies and successfully negotiated settlements involving tens of thousands of claims below budget. Mr. Fox also has negotiated and drafted numerous large class action and non-class action settlement agreements. Additionally, he assisted the court-appointed mediator in the settlement of wrongful death and personal injury claims arising from the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, brought by plaintiffs who opted out of the federal Victims Compensation Fund (*In Re September 11 Litigation*, 600 F. Supp.2d 549 (S.D.N.Y. 2009)).