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EXPERTISE

Complex Tort Litigation
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National Product Liability Program
Management
Class Action Litigation
Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
Construction Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Contracts
Breach of Warranty
Creditors' Rights
Bankruptcy
Transactional Assistance
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Negotiation
Mediation
Arbitration

Robert J. Kelly is the firm's managing partner. He is a versatile litigator who has tried and won cases in numerous venues around the country. Mr. Kelly routinely handles matters in a wide variety of subjects, including bodily injury, commercial and property damage matters involving steel refinery processes, petrochemical premises liability, turbine design and manufacture, maritime casualty, toxic torts including benzene and asbestos exposures, recreational products including helmets and motorized vehicles, consumer products, and tires. Perhaps most notably, Mr. Kelly was lead defense attorney in the landmark case of Parker v. Mobil, 7 NY3rd 442 (2006) which set a new standard for the admissibility of expert testimony in New York state courts.

Mr. Kelly is a member of the Steering Committee of the Sports Fitness and High Tech Resource Group, which provides continuing education and consulting services to members of the sporting goods community. He speaks regularly on subjects as varied as advanced trial tactics, class actions, the Federal Employees Liability Act, toxic tort land product liability, and bicycle and helmet design and safety.

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ADMISSIONS

NEW JERSEY STATE BAR
NEW YORK STATE BAR
U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF NEW YORK
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, 2ND AND
3RD CIRCUITS
U.S. SUPREME COURT

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, B.A., 1974
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 1977

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE
SPORTING GOODS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, LEGAL TASK FORCE
NEW JERSEY SUPER LAWYER (2010, 2012)
STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE SPORTING GOOD MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
LITIGATION TASK FORCE

PRESENTATIONS

"GASOLINE, BENZENE AND KIDNEY CANCER : THE IMPACT OF PARKER V. MOBIL"
(HARRIS MARTIN BENZENE LITIGATION CONFERENCE, LAS VEGAS, NV, MAY 2007)
"PARKER V. MOBIL AND BENZENE LITIGATION" (HARRIS MARTIN BENZENE
LITIGATION CONFERENCE, MIAMI, FL, NOVEMBER 2006)
"PARKER AND ITS IMPACT ON SCIENTIFIC TESTIMONY" (MEALEY'S BENZENE
LITIGATION CONFERENCE, NEW YORK, NY, DECEMBER 2006)
"PUNITIVE DAMAGES" (PETROCHEMICAL LITIGATION GROUP, HOUSTON, TX,
OCTOBER 2006)
"ADVERTISING, WARNINGS & INSTRUCTIONS: HOW YOUR OWN WORDS CAN MAKE OR
BREAK YOU" (2012 SGMA LITIGATION & RISK MANAGEMENT SUMMIT)

REPORTED CASES

PARKER V. MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, 857 N.E.2D 1114 (NY 2006)
WILLS V. AMERADA HESS CORP., 379 F.3D 32 (2D CIR. N.Y., 2004)
MCWILLIAMS V. YAMAHA MOTOR CORP., 987 F.2D 200 (3D CIR. 1993)