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Karl Seib is former Chair of the Firm's Litigation department, as well as its Products Liability Practice group. The products group, founded more than 35 years ago, has experience in representing domestic and global clients in a broad array of matters at both the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Seib has served as national and New York state counsel defending suits involving prescription pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices, tires, cosmetics, consumer appliances and chemicals sold in bulk. As national coordinating counsel, Mr. Seib has assigned and advised local counsel, standardizing defense strategies and supervising the discovery process necessary for an organized defense of class action and mass tort litigation. He has extensive trial and appellate experience and is nationally recognized by *Chambers USA* in the area of Products Liability, which notes “[t]he ‘*bright and meticulous*’ Karl Seib... ‘*brings an intellectual touch to proceedings.*’”

Representative Matters

Major Foreign Pharmaceutical Company

National counsel defending suits involving a prescription pharmaceutical drug throughout the United States. Application of the Hague Convention on Taking of Evidence Abroad in discovery.

Major Health Care Company

National counsel for a withdrawn medical device, and New York counsel for a variety of products cases involving both prescription pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices; trials here and in other states.

Major Pharmaceutical Company

National counsel in defending suits involving a dermatologic prescription product, and New York State counsel in other products cases, including trial of cases in New York and elsewhere and training and supervising of local counsel throughout the U.S.

Major Pharmaceutical Company

New York State counsel in defending hundreds of suits involving a gynecologic prescription product, and in other products cases, including trials, court-sponsored ADR, and coordination of local counsel.

Major Cosmetics Company

National counsel providing products liability advice and litigation coordination.

Major Clinical Testing Laboratory

New York State counsel in suits challenging drug tests or complaining of improper test results.

Patterson Belknap

Major Tire Manufacturers

Advising and coordinating defense of suits in New York and elsewhere; advice regarding European products liability status.

Major Chemical Manufacturer

Defense of suits involving chemical sold in bulk.

Education

- New York University School of Law (LL.M., 1978)
- Rutgers University Law School (J.D., 1970)
- Seton Hall University (B.A., 1965)

Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; Fifth Circuit; Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern; Eastern; Western; Northern Districts of New York
- New York

Professional Activities

Recognized by *Chambers USA* in the area of Products Liability; Named in *Super Lawyers* in the area of Personal Injury Defense: Products; Member, American Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; Association of the Bar of the City of New York; American Law Institute (Member, Consultative Groups, Restatement of Torts, Third); Products Liability Advisory Council; Defense Research Institute; International Association of Defense Counsel