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Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau LLP

Mass Tort Litigation and Product Liability Defense



From left: Craig Blau, Vincent A. Errante, Jr., Jennifer W. Darger, Judith A. Yavitz

When Fortune 500 companies face legal challenges in the areas of mass tort, product liability, and commercial litigation, they turn to award-winning law firm Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau LLP (DEYB). Name partner Craig Blau notes that the boutique firm provides expertise in these complex areas of law while bringing individualized attention to every client.

"We've become the 'go-to' firm in asbestos defense litigation," says Blau. "Our partners spent years honing their legal skills at top law firms and have proven their expertise in asbestos defense litigation at national, regional, and local levels."

Locally, DEYB serves as New York City Defense Liaison Counsel, where it coordinates asbestos litigation for dozens of law firms and hundreds of companies. Its successes have led to nationwide recognition by Best Lawyers, Best Law Firms, and Super Lawyers. DEYB has also been profiled three times in *Forbes* as a leader in mass tort litigation and in 2016 was named the nation's best litigation boutique by Wealth & Finance International.

The firm's prestige has attracted an array of clients and top legal talent: DEYB has doubled in size to almost 50 employees — including 22 lawyers, 20 paralegals, and 2 nurses — since its formation in 2011.

Whether through litigation, negotiation, or trial, DEYB finds innovative and practical solutions for the legal issues businesses face involving asbestos, benzene, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, Chinese drywall, dietary supplements, cell phones, talc, and more.

"This can be a challenging area of the law but we're always prepared," Blau says. "Many of the firm's partners worked for years at large international law firms before starting DEYB, and collectively we offer more than 100 years of mass tort and product liability experience."