

## Law360 Product Liability Editorial Advisory Board

*Law360, New York (February 26, 2016, 6:41 PM EST)* -- Law360 is pleased to announce the formation of its 2016 Product Liability editorial advisory board.

The purpose of the editorial advisory board is to get feedback on Law360's coverage and to gain insight from experts in the field on how best to shape future coverage.

The members of the 2016 Product Liability Law360 editorial advisory board are:

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James Beck is counsel in Reed Smith's Life Sciences Health Industries Group, specializing in defense of complex personal injury and product liability litigation. He has overseen dispositive motions and appeals in numerous mass torts involving prescription medical products. Beck founded and co-hosts the award-winning Drug and Device Law blog.

### **Paul Benson, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP**

Paul E. Benson is chair of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP's Product and Tort Liability Litigation Focus Group and a leader in the firm's Agribusiness, Food & Beverage practice. In his 25-plus year legal career, Benson has been involved in litigation across the country in the areas of product liability and personal injury litigation, class action, collective action and multi-district litigation, toxic tort litigation, insurance litigation and commercial litigation.

### **Erin Bosman, Morrison & Foerster LLP**

Erin Bosman, a litigation partner in the San Diego office of Morrison & Foerster, is chair of the firm's Product Liability Practice Group. She handles a range of product liability matters with particular expertise in the pharmaceutical, medical device and consumer products industries. She often serves as national coordinating and trial counsel in class actions and multijurisdictional and multidistrict proceedings. She has tried numerous jury cases to verdict in state and federal court and has successfully argued before the Second Circuit and California Court of Appeal. She also advises manufacturers on product development and product recall issues and has represented clients before the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

### **Andrew Campbell, Faegre Baker Daniels**

Andy Campbell is product liability litigator with national and international experience representing medical and consumer product manufacturers. Campbell's experience includes all facets of federal multidistrict litigation and companion state cases, complex jurisdictional issues, complicated e-discovery, international cross-border discovery, regulatory and scientific evidence, and preparing for and trying product liability cases.

**Mark Chalos, Loeff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP**

Mark Chalos is the managing partner of the Nashville office of Loeff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein. Chalos represents families who have had loved ones injured or killed by defective products. He also helps lead a variety of multidistrict litigations, class actions and individual actions on behalf of injured persons.

**Cynthia Cwik, Jones Day**

Cynthia Cwik is of counsel with the San Diego office of Jones Day. She has had significant victories in high-profile matters, including mass tort and product liability cases. She has been named one of California's top female litigators seven times. She is the chair of the ABA Section of Science and Technology Law.

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Leslie M. Kroeger is a partner at Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC. She began her career as an assistant public defender and later as an assistant state attorney in Miami-Dade County, Florida. She is regularly recognized by a variety of publications as a leader in the field of products liability litigation.

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Jordan Lipp is a partner at Davis Graham & Stubb's trial department in Denver. His product liability practice focuses on defending pharmaceutical, medical device, food, car, machinery and consumer product manufacturers. He is the author of the book "Product Liability Law & Procedure in Colorado," and he is also an adjunct professor at University of Denver Law School.

**H. Michael O'Brien, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP**

Michael O'Brien, a partner in Wilson Elser's New York Metro Region and co-chair of its national Product Liability practice, has more than 30 years of experience in product liability defense. He focuses on representing U.S. and Asia-based manufacturers and distributors as national counsel in litigation, pre-suit investigations and class actions. He also advises clients on reporting obligations to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and counsels them on voluntary recall issues. O'Brien has a keen interest in developing technologies, such as the Internet of Things, 3D manufacturing, drones and nanotechnology and their implications for product liability exposures and security vulnerabilities. He monitors the IoT's growing application and uses in the marketplace and is at forefront of predicting its potential long-term consequences for product manufacturers, software companies and their distributors. O'Brien has authored articles and lectured on the product liability exposures posed by the IoT.

**Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov, Steptoe & Johnson LLP**

Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov has successfully litigated product liability, toxic tort and class action matters. She often serves as national coordinating counsel, formulating and implementing global strategies for an effective, coordinated and successful defense. She is a recognized leader on class certification issues, as evidenced by her extensive speaking and writing about class certification law.

**Colin P. Smith, Holland & Knight LLP**

Colin Smith chairs Holland & Knight's Product Liability Team. He represents companies in complex product liability litigation, mass disasters and serial litigation arising from claims of product defects. His experience extends to a broad array of products, especially in the automotive, electronics, construction, pharmaceutical, medical device and consumer products industries.

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**Monica Welt, Director of Compliance for Big Lots**

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