



**Jim Murdica is chairman of the Product Liability and Mass Torts practice. Since 2016, Jim has been recognized by Chambers USA for his work in product liability and mass tort in the nationwide category.**

Jim's practice focuses on the defense of pharmaceutical, medical device and consumer product litigation in state and federal courts nationwide, particularly consolidated mass torts and multi-district litigations.

In Chambers, clients describe Jim as having "[a]n incredible ability to synthesize complex scientific issues into very persuasive arguments that can be used both in court and in negotiations with the other side."

He serves as national coordinating counsel and MDL counsel for consolidated litigations across the U.S. involving thousands of plaintiffs as well as in numerous single-plaintiff cases involving pharmaceuticals, consumer products and medical devices. In conjunction with those roles, Jim emphasizes efficient discovery and manages significant mass tort e-discovery undertakings for his clients.

Jim has also coordinated the resolution of some of the largest, mass torts of the last decade.

Jim also counsels clients on product liability due diligence related to potential acquisitions and divestitures.

Regarding pharmaceutical and biologic manufacturers, Jim's experience includes:

- Coordinating the national defense of a prescription diabetes drug alleged to have caused a multitude of injuries
- Coordinating the national defense and acting as MDL counsel for the defense of several thousand litigations and claims alleging serious nervous system and vascular injuries from the use of a prescription

## Jim Murdica

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### EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School,  
(J.D.), Senior Editor of Journal of  
Constitutional Law

Cornell University, (B.A.), Chemistry

### BAR ADMISSIONS

California

Connecticut

Illinois

New York

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of  
Connecticut

U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Northern  
District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern  
District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Western  
District of New York

U.S. District Court for the District of  
Colorado

antibiotic

- Coordinating the national defense of hundreds of consolidated litigations alleging birth defects from exposure to an anticonvulsant medication in the Philadelphia Mass Torts Division
- Coordinating the defense of consolidated state litigations in California alleging a life-threatening skin condition and tendon injuries from the use of a prescription antibiotic
- Defending or assisting in the defense of consolidated and single plaintiff litigations regarding: anticoagulant medication, antidiabetic medication, antipsychotic medications, antiepileptic medication, antibiotic medications, and various biologics that inhibit factors and bind proteins

Regarding medical device and consumer products manufacturers, Jim's experience includes:

- Coordinating the national defense and serving as MDL counsel in the defense of a laparoscopic gynecologic surgical instrument for a medical device manufacturer
- Coordinating the national defense of more than a thousand litigants and serving as lead counsel in a consolidated state proceeding regarding vena cava filters for a medical device manufacturer
- Coordinating the national defense of contact lenses and vision devices for multiple medical device manufacturers
- Coordinating the national defense of personal injury litigations for a cardiac catheter manufacturer
- Coordinating the defense of the manufacturer of cardiac stents in a nationwide litigation alleging personal injuries from use of the device
- Acting as national counsel for a manufacturer of skincare products

## Honors

Chambers USA, 2016-2023

## LANGUAGES

English

## PRACTICES

Drug and Medical Device

eDiscovery and Knowledge Management

Litigation

Product Liability and Mass Torts

## INDUSTRIES

Healthcare