



ROBERT DALE KLEIN, ESQ.

Mr. Klein is a name principal in the law firm of Wharton Levin Ehrmantraut & Klein, P.A. Since 1976, Mr. Klein has focused on the defense of products liability, mass tort and complex commercial matters. He is a trained mediator, with emphasis on the mediation of complex matters. Admitted to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia, Mr. Klein also has been admitted pro hac vice as lead counsel in at least nine states and in federal multi-district proceedings.

Mr. Klein's experience includes serving as national coordinating counsel in toxic tort, product defect and construction defect cases filed in nearly every state in the U.S.A, as well as its territories and in foreign countries. In those roles, Mr. Klein successfully developed, implemented, and coordinated the defense strategies of more than 50 law firms nationwide and in foreign jurisdictions. With more than 25 years' experience as the chief strategist and negotiator in the resolution of complex tort and commercial litigation matters across the country, Mr. Klein has successfully resolved more than 125,000 product liability and other complex claims.

First appointed in 1994 by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, Mr. Klein serves as a member of the Court's Standing Committee on the Rules of Practice and Procedure. He has chaired or been a member of numerous Rules subcommittees, and in these roles has helped develop the procedural rules governing all aspects of litigation in the Maryland court system.

Mr. Klein has taught at the Maryland Judicial Institute, and has published and lectured extensively on product liability law and civil practice in the United States and abroad. From 1976 to 1987, he worked as an associate and then as an equity partner in the Baltimore office of Piper & Marbury (now known as DLA Piper).

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of
Technology, B.S. 1973
University of Durham,
England (JYA 1971-1972)
Columbia University
School of Law,
J.D. 1976

COURT ADMISSIONS

Maryland
District of Columbia
United States District Court
for the District of Maryland
United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
United States Court of Appeals
for the Fourth Circuit

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Maryland State Bar Association
Maryland Defense Counsel
Anne Arundel County
Bar Association
District of Columbia
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HIGHLIGHTS

Appointed to the Standing Committee on the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, 1994 - Present
Defense Research Institute, Exceptional Performance Citation, 1987
Biographee in Marquis Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in the World, and Who's Who in Finance and Industry.

ARTICLES, AND PUBLICATIONS

"Maryland Civil Procedure Forms -- Practice", 2 Vols., Lexis Law Publishing, 3rd Edition, Supplemented annually, 2000
"A Comparison of the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Products Liability and the Maryland Law of Products Liability", 30 University of Baltimore Law Review 273, 2001
"Old Products -- The Admissibility of State of the Art Evidence in Product Liability Actions", 9 Journal of Products Liability 233, 1986
"Caps in the Hat: Legislative Lids on Runaway Verdicts", For the Defense, July, 1986
"Caps in the Hat Come Back: Revisiting Legislative Lids on Runaway Verdicts", For the Defense, September, 1993 (co-author)
"Comparative Fault in Maryland: The Time Has Come", 41 University of Maryland Law Review 275, 1982 (co-author)

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Klein has a distinguished history of involvement with professional and civic organizations, including service as President and a Director of the North American Foundation for the University of Durham (England), as a Sustaining Member and Executive Committee Member of the Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc., as President of Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc., and in numerous leadership positions within the Bar Association of Baltimore City.