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Current Scope of Practice

Michael A. Tanenbaum joined Sedgwick in 2000 and became Chair of the firm in 2007. He practices in the areas of products liability, pharmaceutical liability and environmental and toxic tort. Mr. Tanenbaum litigates and manages complex commercial and product liability litigation and has served as national products liability counsel for pharmaceutical, consumer products, building products and chemical companies, as well as for a global industrial contractor and power equipment manufacturer.

Mr. Tanenbaum counsels corporations concerning litigation risk avoidance, risk management, regulatory and other corporate compliance and due diligence. He consults with financial analysts and major investors concerning investments and the litigation and regulatory outlook for a variety of companies with existing or potential product liabilities.

Representative Clients

Mr. Tanenbaum has provided litigation, counseling and litigation management services for numerous leading corporations, including Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Exxon Mobil Corporation, General Electric Company, Clairol, Inc., Hoover Treated Wood Products and Foster Wheeler, LLC.

Affiliations, Activities and Accomplishments

Mr. Tanenbaum is admitted to practice in New Jersey, New York and Florida. He is a member of the American Bar Association, New Jersey Bar Association and Florida State Bar and former chair of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel's Drug, Device and Biotechnology Section.

Mr. Tanenbaum is on the Board of Directors for the New Jersey Performing Art Center and is on the Board of Trustees for the Overlook Hospital Foundation. Mr. Tanenbaum was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2012 and 2011 editions of *Best Lawyers in America* in the field of mass tort and class action litigation.

Presentations and Publications

Mr. Tanenbaum's presentations and publications include:

- Co-Author, "Chapter 25 - Privilege in a Global Product Economy," *Product Liability Litigation: Current Law, Strategies and Best Practices, Practising Law Institute Treatise*, 2nd Edition (2010)
- "The Changing World of Causation," 2008 Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Winter Meeting (February 2008).
- "Current Legal Trends in New York Asbestos Litigation," American Chemistry Council (Tort Litigation Group) (November 2005).

He has also presented at the IADC Annual Meeting on the economics of case management and served as a faculty member at the Georgetown Mass Tort Institute.

Education

Mr. Tanenbaum received his J.D. (1981), *cum laude*, from Boston University School of Law and his A.B. (1978), *magna cum laude*, from Princeton University, where he majored in economics.