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Eric Lasker is prized by clients and colleagues for his ability to quickly get to the heart of complex legal matters. He has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to collect, identify and distill vast amounts of technical information into strategic priorities and key substantive themes around which to develop and implement sophisticated medical causation and science-based defenses. Mission-focused and a quick study, Eric is seasoned in all stages of litigation and is often hired by clients for his devotion to their broader business and legal interests, as much as for the technical experience he brings to the case.

Recognized by *Law360* as a Product Liability MVP, Eric litigates a wide variety of complex civil matters with a focus on toxic torts, environmental litigation, and pharmaceutical products liability. He has successfully litigated bet-the-company disputes involving *Daubert* challenges, the federal preemption defense, and environmental natural resource damages claims. Eric has represented his clients' interests as lead counsel in multidistrict litigation, mass torts, jury trials and bench proceedings, and in oral argument in multiple federal courts of appeal and state supreme courts. He represents clients in matters arising both in the United States and abroad, under both domestic and international law, in matters involving sensitive national security issues, and in meetings with both U.S. and foreign government officials.

Eric's prowess in high-stakes litigation matters was heralded by *The American Lawyer* in identifying him as "Litigator of the Week." He also was featured on the Bloomberg News program "Rainmakers" for his work securing a complete victory for firm client, DynCorp International, in defense of its work as a contractor to the U.S. Department of State in support of the joint United States-Colombia war-on-drugs initiative known as "Plan Colombia."

With significant experience defending against all matter of legal claims involving FDA-regulated and EPA-regulated products and alleged toxins and environmental contaminants, Eric has represented clients in toxics/environmental matters involving herbicides, asbestos, lead, nonionizing radiation, ethylene oxide, arsenic, and chemical solvents; and in pharmaceutical products liability claims involving:

- antipsychotic medications
- obstetrical drugs
- antifungals
- antiepileptics
- contact and intraocular lenses
- cough/cold medicines

He assists clients in due diligence investigations that relate to environmental and toxics liabilities, in product stewardship efforts, and through an active *amicus* practice on behalf of various industry organizations. Eric also played a prominent role in helping to establish asbestos defendants' rights to insurance non-products coverage that secured one of the seminal judicial opinions recognizing the existence of such coverage, litigation efforts that resulted in securing several hundreds of millions of dollars in asbestos non-products insurance recoveries.

Known for his skilled writing, Eric has been the recipient of the George Yancey Memorial Award and the Burton Award for excellence in legal writing and is often requested to speak and publish on issues of interest to his clients. He is co-author of *Defending Daubert: It's Time to Amend Federal Rule of Evidence 702*, which triggered the FRE Advisory Committee's consideration of potential amendments to FRE 702. In 2018, Eric participated in a roundtable discussion on the potential amendment sponsored by the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence. In 2022, he testified before the Committee again in support of the proposed amendment, which was then unanimously approved by the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and that went into effect in 2023.

Services

Amicus
Business Interruption & Commercial Disputes
Class Action Defense
Complex Litigation
Environmental
Natural Resource Damages
Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
Products Liability & Toxic Torts
Risk Mitigation & Management

Education

Yale Law School (J.D.,1990, *Coker Fellow*)
University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 1987, *summa cum laude*)

Admissions

District of Columbia
United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Tenth Circuits

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

United States District Courts for the District of Columbia, the Northern District of Illinois, and the Southern District of Texas

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*
  - "Eric Lasker and the Hollingsworth team are extraordinary attorneys capable of handling the most complex and sophisticated matters." — Client
  - "Eric Lasker provides exceptional client service. He is a brilliant attorney and a distinguished legal scholar with top expertise in litigation. He is a highly respected voice in the legal field and excels at legal writing and briefs." — Client
  - "Eric Lasker's client service, level of sophistication, and commercial vision are 10 out of 10. Eric has an in-depth knowledge of standards relating to the admission of expert testimony. He is well respected nationally on this subject." — Client
  - "Eric Lasker is really knowledgeable about regulatory overlay. He really mastered the underlying aspects of our cases. Eric is core to our defenses and has an incredibly deep understanding of the regulatory aspects." — Client
  - "Eric Lasker and Heather Pigman have intelligence and an understanding of the science. When you get into complicated toxic tort, they are incredibly brilliant and know the case better than anyone." — Client
  - "Fantastic!" — Client
  - "Eric Lasker and the Hollingsworth team are very responsive and invariably provide outstanding service." — Client
  - "Eric Lasker is a go-to litigator. He is thorough and well-prepared and has great experience." — Client
  - "Eric Lasker is a brilliant man and one of the smartest lawyers I have met. He is an outstanding strategist and is largely responsible for helping to achieve a favorable outcome for us. He is very commercially aware. He is an outstanding lawyer, extremely smart." — Third Party
  - "We love Eric Lasker here. He is super responsive and helpful. He's just so knowledgeable." — Client
- *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigators in America, 2024-2026
- *Super Lawyers*, Class Action, 2014, 2017–2020, 2022-2026
- *Who's Who Legal* Life Sciences and Product Liability, 2015–2024
- AV Preeminent Lawyer by ALM Media and Martindale-Hubbell, 2002–2025
- Burton Distinguished Legal Writing Award, 2014
- *Law360* Product Liability MVP, 2013
- *The American Lawyer* "Litigator of the Week," 2013
- George Yancy Memorial Award (for excellence in writing), 2012

Memberships

- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Member, 2006 – Present

- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), Member, 2009 – Present
  - Rule 702 Sustainability Committee, Chair, 2023 – Present
  - Continuing Legal Education Committee Chair, 2018
  - Toxics & Hazardous Substances Committee, Chair, 2011–2013
- Lawyers for Civil Justice, Member, 2020
- LJN's *Product Liability Law & Strategy* Newsletter, Board of Editors, 2010–2012