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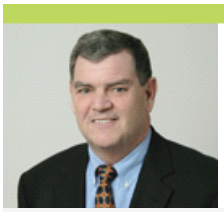

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Joseph K. Hetrick is of counsel in the mass torts and product liability group. He focuses his practice on product liability defense, with an emphasis on pharmaceutical and medical device cases.

Mr. Hetrick defended Philip Morris in tobacco litigation and represented Baxter Healthcare in the factor concentrate mass tort litigation throughout the world. He was part of Dechert's national defense team representing GlaxoSmithKline in the Baycol litigation, and took a lead role in the Paxil litigation in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mr. Hetrick also plays a central role in the litigation related to a painkiller for Merck & Co., and has served as trial counsel for Wyeth in the fen-phen litigation. He also handles product liability matters for clients such as West Pharmaceutical, York International Corporation, Stryker Corporation, and Airgas, Inc.

Mr. Hetrick has an extensive background in personal injury litigation, including medical malpractice and insurance litigation and has handled class action suits on behalf of the insurance and pharmaceutical industries.

Mr. Hetrick has been selected among *Best Lawyers in America* for product liability litigation in the 2007 through 2011 editions.

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Memberships
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Related Events

May 29, 2013 | A CLE seminar presented by Dechert LLP
Daubert Motions
Philadelphia, PA

June 10, 2013 | A CLE Seminar Presented By Dechert LLP
Final Pretrial Matters
New York, NY

Related Publications

September 2010 | Chapter 16 of International Product Law Manual, Kluwer Law International
Product Liability Litigation: United States of States of America -- The Procedural Law

August 13, 2008 | The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Product Liability, Global Legal Group Ltd, London
Passports, Products, and Potential Problems: Exploring the Litigation Challenges Faced by Pharmaceutical Companies Conducting Clinical Trials Abroad

July 2008 | Chapter in The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Pharmaceutical Advertising 2008, Global Legal Group Ltd, London
United States Supreme Court Poised to Rule on the Regulatory Defence in a Pharmaceutical Case

Rankings and Recognition

January 17, 2008 | First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
Dechert Attorneys Named to Pro Bono Roll of Honor

Committee and is a member of the Center for International Legal Studies' Congress of Fellow. He is an adjunct professor of law at Temple University School of Law, as well as a frequent speaker both in local and state bar organizations.

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