

Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence



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Barry Thompson is a partner in Baker McKenzie's Los Angeles office. For over 30 years, he has litigated and tried complex commercial and products liability cases in state and federal courts across the country, with a heavy focus on the defense of life sciences companies. "The apple does not fall far from the tree," as Barry's father (Virgil Thompson) has had an illustrious 55-year career in life sciences, with stints as an in-house lawyer, regulatory affairs specialist, CEO and Director in and for dozens of drug and biotech companies. With a major focus handling and trying such cases for drug, medical device, biologic and biotech companies, Barry has over the course of his career successfully represented many of the largest and most influential life sciences companies in the world. He has also represented start-up and mid-cap entities. Along the way, he has acted as local, regional and national counsel/national trial counsel (e.g., Barry tried two Bellwether cases to verdict in 2010 that effectively resolved the first wave of Bard hernia mesh litigation (MDL-2846)).

Barry has for multiple years running been named an LMG Life Sciences Star in Non-IP Litigation and Enforcement, a Southern California Super Lawyer and a Leading Individual in Product Liability Defense by Who's Who Legal. He is also rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, is a member of Baker's elite North American Trial Team, and the Litigation Chair for Baker McKenzie's California Offices.

WWL says: *Barry Thompson is lauded as a "terrific trial lawyer and strategic thinker", who excels in product liability and personal injury claims.*