



## Michael E. Waller

### Partner

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## OVERVIEW

Michael Waller is an experienced litigator and concentrates his diverse practice on complex commercial claims including toxic tort, products liability, franchise enforcement and termination litigation, and claims arising from mergers and acquisitions that go bad. Michael acts as regional trial and litigation counsel in handling and managing asbestos-related litigation for several of the firm's clients. His litigation experience also includes environmental clean-up, cost recovery, and contribution litigation; underground storage tank litigation; Superfund liability; and defending clients in premises liability claims arising from asbestos and environmental contamination claims.

His current clients include a high-tech advertising company; a video and card game developer; manufacturers of various commercial products and industrial equipment, including cast iron pipe, plumbing equipment, fire suppression equipment, and heating and air (HVAC) equipment; a marine construction and dredging company; management and consulting services firms; and an entertainment and live events company. He has jury, non-jury, appellate, and alternate dispute resolution experience.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Michael was a partner in the environmental and litigation practice groups at a major New Jersey law firm.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Michael Waller has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Insurance Law (Dispute Resolution) since 2013.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Pace University School of Law, 1990 (*Dean's Award, Editor in Chief, Pace Environmental Law Review, Certificate in Environmental Law*)
- B.B.A., Temple University, 1984

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New Jersey
- Bar of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 16 May 2018, New Jersey's Gamble Pays Off as Supreme Court Rules Federal Prohibition on Sports Betting Unconstitutional (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 27 July 2017, *Schwartz v. Accuratus Corp.*: Nonspouse's "Take-Home" Liability Case (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 3 March 2017, An Easier Path: *McCarrell v. Hoffman-La Roche* Paves the Way to Bring Tort Claims in New Jersey Barred by Other States' Statutes of Limitations (*Alerts/Updates*)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "8 Tips To Give Your Fee Application A Great Start," *Law360*, 31 March 2017

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch (*Rankings & Recognitions*)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mass Tort
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes

- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- Product Liability
- Securities and Transactional Litigation