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H. Lockwood (Chip) Miller III has broad litigation experience across a number of substantive areas, with a deep focus on the defense of product liability and toxic tort claims in single-plaintiff cases and large, consolidated mass actions. He has litigated multiple matters involving a host of different prescription and over-the-counter medications, vaccines, and surgical devices, including phenylpropranolamine cough and cold products, cholesterol-lowering medications, polio vaccines, prescription antibiotics, implantable contraceptives, factor concentrate, paramagnetic contrast agents, weight loss medications, hormone replacement therapy, gastro-intestinal motility and bowel medications, laparoscopic surgical devices, denture adhesive, pelvic mesh, prescription opioid analgesics, and surgical sutures and needles.

Chip has also defended a wide array of other product liability and toxic tort claims, including with respect to asbestos, cosmetics and personal care products, lead paint, chemicals and chemical compounds, benzene, household and consumer products, butane-fueled lighters, material handling equipment, airline service equipment, alarm and signaling systems, industrial products, and playground equipment. The breadth of his experience also includes general commercial litigation, premises liability, environmental, employment, and insurance coverage.

Chip was a member of the *Boston College Law Review* and is a graduate of the Justice William J. Brennan Inn of Court. He is an active member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) Product Liability Committee. He currently serves as the Vice Chair for the Chemical and Toxic Torts Specialized Litigation Group, and formerly served as the group's Marketing Liaison, as well as its Social Media Chair and Publications Chair. He also currently serves as a member of the New Jersey Defense Association Products Liability Committee and the New Jersey Supreme Court District XB Ethics Committee.

**Professional Affiliations**

- Defense Research Institute: Product Liability Committee (Vice Chair for the Chemical and Toxic Torts Specialized Litigation Group; Former Marketing Liaison and Social Media Chair and Publications Chair); Drug and Medical Device Committee; Toxic Torts and Environmental Law
- New Jersey Defense Association: Products Liability Committee

**Honors**

- Appointed by New Jersey Supreme Court in 2010 to the District XB Ethics Committee

**Admitted to Practice**

- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

**Civic Activities**

- Volunteer Parent-Coach, West Morris Soccer Club (2009–2012)

**Education**

- Boston College Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1994, *Boston College Law Review*
- Drew University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1990, Phi Beta Kappa

**Publications/Presentations**

- Panelist, New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) and New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (NJICLE) Asbestos Conference, October 2017

- Presenter, "Genomics is Transforming Product Liability and Toxic Tort Litigation," New Jersey Defense Association (NJDA) & Association of Corporate Counsel New Jersey (ACCNJ) Products Liability Seminar: Something For Everyone, Iselin, NJ, September 23, 2016
- Panelist, "Talc Case Litigation," 2016 HarrisMartin NJ Asbestos Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, February 25, 2016
- Co-Author, "The Role of Preemption in Mass Tort Cases," Chapter 15 in *New Jersey Mass Torts and Class Action Treatise*, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2015
- Presenter, "Defense Strategies for Handling Multi-Party, Multi-County, and Multi-Claim Litigation," New Jersey Defense Association Products Liability Committee Seminar, Iselin, NJ, September 12, 2014
- Presenter, "Ethics in Mass Tort Litigation," HarrisMartin's New Jersey Asbestos Litigation Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, February 21, 2014
- Co-Author, "Plaintiff Win in Asbestos Case May Not Be Defense's Loss," *Law360*, December 18, 2013
- Co-Author, "'Rough Justice' Is Not Justice," *Law360*, November 6, 2013
- Author, "Trio of Favorable Preemption Decisions for NJ Pharma Cos.," *Law360*, Aug. 21, 2013
- Co-Author, "Keeping In-House Counsel Off the Stand (And Outside Counsel Out of the Doghouse)," *DRI In-House Defense Quarterly*, Summer 2012
- "The CPSC Publicly Available Consumer Product Safety Information Database: Ready or Not, Here it Comes!" *DRI The Voice*, Vol 10, Issue 10 (March 9, 2011)
- "Some Basic — And Not So Basic — Points About Removal," *Strictly Speaking*, Vol. 7, Issue 4 (November 23, 2010)
- "Chinese Drywall: A Building Problem," *DRI The Voice*, Vol. 8, Issue 43 (October 28, 2009)