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PRACTICES

Environmental Law
Toxic Tort
Product Liability
Asbestos
Legionnaires' Disease

INDUSTRIES

Life Sciences
Food and Beverage

Andrew J. Scholz

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Andrew J. Scholz, vice chair of Goldberg Segalla's **Toxic Tort** practice, is a litigator with 25 years of experience successfully defending the interests of companies and insurers in mass tort, toxic tort, and environmental litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts. His toxic tort experience includes defending cases involving exposure to asbestos, Legionella bacteria, silica, adulterated food, spray foam, mold, benzene, lead, and other bacteria, metals and chemicals. In Legionnaires' Disease litigation, Andrew has more than a decade of experience defending numerous companies in personal injury and property damage matters in New York and New Jersey. In asbestos litigation, he serves as national, regional and local counsel for various clients. Andrew's experience also includes defending Fortune 500 companies in highly complex product liability lawsuits.

Andrew has played a leading role in the discovery phases of multi-defendant, complex tort litigations, and has experience successfully handling complex cases involving Daubert challenges to expert witness testimony. Andrew also advises clients on certain regulatory compliance matters, such as implementing or modifying procedures to comply with such procedures. In addition, he has defended companies in administrative matters involving such regulations, including matters pending in the New York Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH).

Andrew's previous experience includes defending certain property owners and commercial lessees of the World Trade Center against thousands of catastrophic injury, property damage, and death claims arising out of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001.

Previously, Andrew served as co-chair of the Toxic Tort Subcommittee within the American Bar Association's Mass Torts Committee. He frequently gives presentations to lawyers and claims professionals on a variety of toxic tort and environmental law topics and he also authors articles on such topics. Andrew holds a Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV Preeminent, the peer review rating that recognizes attorneys who have reached the highest levels of skill and integrity.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Toxic Tort

- Representative Matters
  - Prevailing on a motion for summary judgment in a personal injury claim arising out of exposure to tear gas
  - Defending premises owners and lessees against *Legionella*-related claims
  - Defending food manufacturers in foodborne illness litigation
  - Defending manufacturers and premises owners in asbestos litigation

Environmental

- Representative Matters
  - Defending clients in hydraulic fracturing litigation involving claims of alleged groundwater contamination

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Product Liability

- Representative Matters
  - Prevailing on motions *in limine* to exclude design defects and warning experts, and simultaneously obtaining summary judgment in catastrophic product liability cases

HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent
- New York Metro *Super Lawyers*, 2014–20, 2025-26

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, and Eastern Districts of New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 2001
  - Richardson Scholar
- University of South Florida, B.A., 1995

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- DRI: Toxic Tort and Environmental Committee
- American Bar Association: Mass Torts Committee; Past Co-Chair, Toxic Torts Subcommittee

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- "Microplastics: The Looming Challenges, Pitfalls, and Uncertainties Facing the Regulated Community and Beyond," (Co-Author), DRI *For the Defense*, June 2021
- "A Review of the Science and Current Litigation Regarding Glyphosate," (Co-Author) DRI's For The Defense, June 2019
- "Asbestos Litigation: Alive and Strong" (Co-Author), DRI *Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Compendium*, Spring 2017
- "Hydraulic Fracturing: A Retrospective of Key Legal Disputes in 2014 and Predictions for the Future" (Co-Author), *AIRROC Matters*, Spring 2015
- Featured in "And The Defense Wins," Defense Research Institute, May 28, 2014
- "Decisions Limiting Toxic-Tort Claims: Aberration or Potential Trend?" American Bar Association *Mass Torts Litigation*, Spring 2014, Vol. 12, No. 3

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- "Asbestos Litigation: Alive and Strong in 2014" (Co-Author), *For the Defense*, Defense Research Institute, April 2014
- "Going Global: Navigating Import and Export Safety Regulations" (Co-Author), *Food Manufacturing*, February 10, 2014
- "The New Wave of Food Labeling Litigation: Primary Defenses and Practical Considerations" (Co-Author), NYSBA *Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Journal*, Winter 2013
- "Will the FDA Kill the Caffeine Buzz?" (Co-Author), *Food Processing*, September 27, 2013
- "The New Food Fight: Defending Against Labeling Litigation" (Co-Author), *Food Manufacturing*, May 21, 2013
- "Simple Steps Can Protect Drillers: In Fracking, Practical Coverage and Risk-Shifting Can Ease Litigation Threats" (Co-Author), *National Driller*, March 2013
- "Hydraulic Fracturing Holds Litigation Risks" (Co-Author), *National Driller*, January 2013
- "Fifty States Of Mold Claims: A Comprehensive Survey of Defense Strategies, Coverage Exclusions, and Liability Implications Across the U.S." (Co-Author), *Mealey's Litigation Report: Mold*, January 2013
- "Proposed Class Plaintiffs to Pay Pre-Certified Discovery Cost," American Bar Association *Mass Torts Litigation: News & Developments*, September 20, 2012
- "Environmental Groups Seek to Expand Public Trust," American Bar Association *Mass Torts Litigation: News & Developments*, August 14, 2012
- Quoted in "Attorneys Say Fracking Could Happen This Year," *Business First*, May 25, 2012
- "A First Look at the Coverage Implications of Hydraulic Fracturing" (Co-Author), Thomson Reuters News and Insight, May 16, 2012; *Westlaw Journal Insurance Coverage*, June 2012
- "Welding Fume MDL Settlement Shows Increased Use of QSFs," American Bar Association *Mass Torts Litigation: News & Developments*, May 15, 2012
- Quoted in "Analysis: Insurers Find It Tough to Price Fracking Risk," Reuters, May 11, 2012
- "New York Appeals Court: Mold Case Can Go Forward," American Bar Association *Mass Torts Litigation: News & Developments*, April 6, 2012
- "Arranger Liability Under CERCLA After Burlington Northern" (Co-Author), American Bar Association *Mass Torts Litigation*, Winter 2012
- "State 'Preemption' Arguments Asserted in Ongoing Fracking Debate," American Bar Association Mass Torts Committee Website, October 2011
- "Divisibility of Damages Under CERCLA, Two Years of Case Law After Burlington Northern" (Co-Author), American Bar Association *Mass Torts Newsletter*, Summer 2011
- "Think a Spouse's Individual Credit Card Debt Cannot Result in the Foreclosure of the Marital Home? Think Again," *NYLitigator*, Journal of the Commercial & Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, Summer 2011
- "World Trade Center Disaster Recovery Workers Claims Questioned in Litigation," American Bar Association Mass Torts Committee Website, 2008

PRESENTATIONS

- "Microplastics 2.0: The Looming Challenges, Pitfalls, and Uncertainties Facing the Regulated Community, and Beyond," Perrin Environmental Risk & PFAS Litigation Conference, June 17, 2025
- "Water In Buildings: Mold and Bacteria, Proactive Strategies for Adjustment of Mold and Legionella Claims," (Co-presenter), Client Presentation, October 28, 2024
- "Microplastics," (Co-presenter), Client Presentation, July 27, 2023

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- "Legionella – Overview and Personal Injury and Premises Liability Risk," Panelist, Ramboll Seminar: Updates on Health Science Topics, May 4, 2023
- "Latent Injury Claims: Tips and Pitfalls to Avoid," August 01, 2022
- "Reckoning with Microplastics: The Looming Challenges, Pitfalls, and Uncertainties," Panelist, 36th Environmental and Emerging Claim Manager Association Annual Conference, April 21, 2022
- "Glyphosate and Pesticide Litigation," (Co-Presenter), Emerging Risks CE/CLE, March 15, 2022
- "Microplastics: The Looming Challenges, Pitfalls and Uncertainties Facing the Regulated Community, and Beyond," (Panelist), Perrin Conferences Environmental Risk and Litigation Conference, New York, NY, October 18, 2021
- "Glyphosate & Pesticide Litigation: An Update on Personal Injury and Other Litigation, Science, and Future Considerations," Client CLE, October 5, 2021
- "Legionnaires' Disease: Science, Litigation Risks, and Mitigation Considerations," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, June 1, 2021
- "Glyphosate: Getting into the Weeds on the Science, the Litigation and the Analysis of Future Claim Risk" (Co-Presenter) FETTI Conference, Chicago, IL, September 25, 2019
- "Glyphosate: Science, Personal Injury and Class Action Litigation, and Present and Future Considerations" (Co-Presenter), GS 2019 TTEL Roundup: Glyphosate, Superfund Mega-Sites, and Emerging Problems with the Cannabis Industry and the Opioid Epidemic, New York, NY, May 21, 2019
- "Crisis Management: Balancing Public Messaging Against Litigation Risks," GMA Legal Conference, Palm Beach, FL, March 5, 2019
- "Mitigating Damages Even When Seeking a Defense Verdict," Perrin Food and Beverage Litigation Conference, Chicago, IL, October 16, 2018
- "Crisis Management: Food, Beverage, and Hospitality Industries," Perrin Food and Beverage Litigation Conference, Chicago, IL, October 25, 2017
- Panelist, "Emerging Legal Issues Impacting Wineries, Breweries, and Distilleries: What You Need to Know," Food Law Basics and Beyond, Texas Bar Association, October 12, 2017
- Panelist, "Fueling the World: The Risks Associated with Energy," Perrin's Environmental & Risk Litigation Conference, New York City, June 20, 2017
- "Recipes for Success: Management and Defense Strategies for Litigating Foodborne Illness Claims" (Co-Presenter), Goldberg Segalla Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Seminar, May 23, 2017
- "Game-Changing Asbestos Developments: This Past Year's Most Significant Verdicts and Decisions" (Co-Presenter), Goldberg Segalla Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Seminar, May 23, 2017
- "Defending Foodborne Illness Claims" (Co-Presenter), Client presentation, Dover, NH, March 21, 2017
- "Hydraulic Fracturing — Emerging Regulatory & Litigation Issues and Trends," Toxic Tort/Environmental Scouting Report Seminar, Chicago, IL, October 18, 2016
- Conference Chair and Presenter, "Effective Strategies in Defending an Adulterated Food Claim," First Annual Food Litigation ExecuSummit, Uncasville, CT, February 2-3, 2016
- Panelist, "Defending Damages, Including Considering Life Care Plans and Economic Loss," 2015 DRI Asbestos Medicine Conference, Las Vegas, NV, November 5, 2015
- Panelist, "Food-Safety Best Practices," CPCU Society Webinar, March 20, 2014
- "In-House and Law Firm Management/Technology — Galvanizing Your Practice Through Social Media," 2014 IADC Mid-Year Conference, February 10, 2014
- "Apportioning Liability in Jurisdictions with Fault Allocation: Sorting Out Verdict Form and Other Complexities Given That Today's Cases Name Dozens of Parties as Liable for Exposure," American Conference Institute's 15th National Advanced Forum on Asbestos Claims & Litigation, New York, NY, October 8, 2013

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- "Fracking: The Personal Injury Case" and "Legal Ethics and Fracking Law," Fracking Injury Cases Webinar, National Business Institute, January 2012
- Moderator, Hydraulic Fracturing Panel: Annual Chemical Products and Toxic Tort Regional Seminar, American Bar Association, New York, October 29, 2012
- Moderator, "Liaison Counsel v. Non-Liaison Counsel, Zealous Representation in the Mass Tort Setting: Can't We All Get Along?" American Bar Association Mass Torts and Products Liability Sixth Annual Chemical and Industrial Products Regional CLE Workshop, October 13, 2011

WEBINARS

- "A Legislative Look at Legionnaires': An Update on NY & NJ Legionella-Related Regulatory Requirements," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, January 22, 2026
- "Legionnaires' Disease: Science, Litigation Risks and Mitigation Considerations," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, December 11, 2024
- "Jurisdiction Update: Asbestos Litigation in New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, February 28, 2023
- "Microplastics: An Overview of the Emerging Risks," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, October 19, 2021
- "Legionnaires' Disease: Science, Litigation Risks, and Mitigation Considerations," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, March 24, 2021
- "Legionnaires' Disease: Legal Risks and Claims Management Strategies" (Co-Presenter), May 15, 2020
- "Glyphosate: Science, Personal Injury and Class Action Litigation, and Future Considerations" (Co-Presenter), GS Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Webinar, April 18, 2019