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PRACTICES

Toxic Tort

Environmental Law

Asbestos

INDUSTRIES

Food and Beverage

Life Sciences

EXPERIENCE

David E. Rutkowski defends clients against personal injury and wrongful death claims in toxic tort, environmental, product liability, and mass tort litigation in state and federal trial courts. His toxic tort experience includes defending cases involving alleged exposures to asbestos, *Legionella* bacteria, benzene, and salmonella, among other toxins. His clients include product manufacturers, premises owners, lessees, restaurants, and food and beverage manufacturers. Dave has participated in multiple multimillion-dollar asbestos trials and has successfully resolved numerous high-value cases through extensive, complex settlement negotiations.

Dave is a key contributing writer on asbestos litigation for the firm's award-winning *Asbestos Case Tracker*, which has been named to the *ABA Journal's* prestigious Blawg 100 and the Best Litigation Blog for the last three years by the Expert Institute in its annual legal blog contest. He is also a frequent contributor to *Life Science Matters*, the firm's blog covering the life sciences and medical device industries.

As a law student, Dave assisted a group of attorneys defending New York City and numerous private contractors in the World Trade Center litigation.

HONORS & AWARDS

- New Jersey *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2017, 2020-22

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

EDUCATION

- Rutgers School of Law, J.D., 2010
- University of Delaware, B.A., 2005

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- Editor, Goldberg Segalla's *Asbestos Case Tracker* blog: [read David's blog posts here](#)
- Contributor, Goldberg Segalla's *Life Science Matters* blog: [read David's blog posts here](#)
- Mentioned in "Goldberg Segalla Elevates Seven NJ Attorneys to Partner," *NJBIZ*, December 20, 2018
- "Navigating The Food Industry with Personal Jurisdiction in a Post-BMS World," ABA Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee Newsletter, Fall 2017

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PRESENTATIONS

- “Recent Developments in Talc Litigation,” Perrin Talc Litigation Conference, Chicago, IL, May 20, 2025
 - “Recent Developments in Talc Litigation,” Perrin Talc Litigation Conference, Chicago, IL, May 29, 2024
 - “Appellate Roundtable and Summary Judgment Decisions,” Perrin New York Asbestos Litigation Conference, New York, NY, December 4, 2018
 - Local Chair and Moderator, Toxic Tort Litigation 2017 NYSBA Seminar, New York, NY, June 9, 2017
 - “Emerging Toxins and How They Have Impacted the Industry” (Co-Presenter), Toxic Tort Litigation 2017 NYSBA Seminar, New York, NY, June 9, 2017
 - “Defending Foodborne Illness Claims” (Co-Presenter), Dover, NH, March 21, 2017
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WEBINARS

- “Cosmetic Talc Litigation: Recent Developments and Trends,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, August 7, 2024
- “Jurisdiction Update: Asbestos Litigation in New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, February 28, 2023
- “A Review of Key Jurisdictions—Practice, Procedure, Verdicts, and Jury Pools in Illinois, Missouri, California, and Washington,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, January 27, 2022
- “Jurisdiction Update: Court Events and Practices—New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, December 22, 2021
- “Supplier, Retailer, and Distributor Liability in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Asbestos Litigation,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, June 29, 2021
- “An Update on the Bare Metal Defense in New York,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, January 22, 2021