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An experienced litigator with a practice that is national in scope, Dave represents clients in product liability and complex tort cases in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies nationwide.

Dave is particularly effective at deploying creative, cutting-edge legal strategies that yield successful outcomes for leading insureds, manufacturers, employers, and other corporate entities in mass tort and class action litigation. His diverse client base includes chemical and pharmaceutical companies, as well as manufacturers and distributors of products, which he defends against personal injury, property damage, and medical surveillance claims.

## EXPERIENCE

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- > Represented LifeCell Corporation as trial counsel for approximately 800 products liability cases involving cutting-edge medical technology.
- > Won a significant victory on behalf of Aramark Corporation in a civil case brought in Federal Court in Rochester, New York. The plaintiff in the case claimed to be totally disabled due to internal head injuries resulting from an accident which occurred on property managed by Aramark. The claim was bifurcated into two phases: liability and damages. The jury determined that Aramark was not liable and therefore prevented the second phase.
- > Serve as co-counsel for Prudential Financial in the trial of many consolidated employment cases.
- > Successfully represented Aramark Corporation on appeal of a \$135 million judgment, which was vacated. Currently serving as national dram shop trial counsel for Aramark Corporation and its subsidiaries.
- > Served as trial and appellate counsel for a variety of product liability and tort cases filed against AIG/Chartis insureds involving seven- to eight-figure damages exposure.
- > Served as trial counsel for approximately 700 personal injury, property damage, and medical monitoring cases against CIBA-GEIGY Corporation. All 700 cases were disposed of either by trial, mediation, or motion practice.
- > After the Westwood One matter was in litigation for nearly 10 years in the State Court of Florida, Dave was asked two months before trial to serve as lead trial counsel on behalf of defendant Westwood One in a commercial litigation case that alleged well over \$300 million in damages. The case resulted in a defense verdict on all claims.

### Published Opinions

- > *Morristown Associates v. Grant Oil Company*, 432 N.J. Super. 287 (App. Div. 2013).
- > *Fiskardo Estiatorio Inc. d/b/a Thalassa Restaurant*, 356 NLRB No. 129 (2011).
- > *Copantitla v. Fiskardo Estiatorio, Inc.*, 788 F. Supp. 2d 253 (S.D.N.Y. 2011).
- > *Verni v. Lanzaro*, 404 N.J. Super. 16 (App. Div. 2008).
- > *In re Lead Paint Litigation*, 191 N.J. 405 (2007).
- > *Fairway Dodge, LLC v. Decker Dodge, Inc.*, 191 N.J. 460 (2007).
- > *Verni v. Harry M. Stevens, Inc., of New Jersey*, 387 N.J. Super. 160 (App. Div. 2006), *certif. den.*, 189 N.J. 429 (2007).
- > *Kramer v. CIBA-GEIGY Corporation*, 371 N.J. Super. 580 (App. Div. 2004).
- > *Interfaith Community Organization v. Honeywell International Inc.*, 263 F. Supp. 2d 796 (D.N.J. 2003), *aff'd*, 399 F. 3d 248 (3d Cir.), *cert. den.*, 125 S.Ct. 2951 (2005).
- > *Interfaith Community Organization v. Honeywell International Inc. et al*, 215 F. Supp. 2d 804 (D.N.J. 2002).
- > *Interfaith Community Organization v. Honeywell International Inc. et al*, 188 F. Supp. 2d 486 (D.N.J. 2002).
- > *Goasdone v. American Cyanamid Corp. et al*, 354 N.J. Super. 519 (Law Division 2002).

- > *Fantis Foods Inc. v. North River Insurance Company*, 332 N.J. Super. 250 (App. Div.), *certif. den.*, 165 N.J. 677 (2000).
- > *Island Realty v. Bibbo*, 329 N.J. Super. 528 (App. Div.), *certif. den.*, 165 N.J. 487 (2000).
- > *New Jersey Turnpike Authority v. PPG Industries, Inc., et al*, 16 F. Supp. 2d 460 (D.N.J. 1998), *aff'd*, 197 F. 3d 96 (3d Cir. 1999).
- > *Container Manufacturing Inc. v. CIBA-GEIGY Corporation*, 870 F. Supp. 1225 (D.N.J. 1994).

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- > **The Best Lawyers in America (2005-2020)**  
Recognized in the Personal Injury Litigation- Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, and Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants sections.
- > **New Jersey Super Lawyers (2006-2019)**  
Recognized for work in Class Action/Mass Torts, Personal Injury - Products: Defense and General Litigation
- > **New Jersey Supreme Court: Certified Civil Trial Attorney (2006)**
- > **The Best Lawyers in America (2020)**  
Ranked 2020 Lawyer of the Year in the Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants sections

## EDUCATION

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- > Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D. 1984)
- > Muhlenberg College (B.A. 1977)

## ADMISSIONS

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- > New Jersey