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Gregg Tatarka focuses on managing national counsel coordinating programs for products liability, with a particular specialization in fire litigation. Generally, he represents manufacturers and distributors of consumer electronic products and appliances, such as microwave ovens, cooking ranges, air conditioners, clothes dryers and any product containing a lithium-ion battery. Gregg also represents manufacturers of gas-fired appliances and has represented manufacturers of flexible gas piping relating to fire cases, and he has defended manufacturers, distributors and retailers of products in litigation and arbitration hearings. Gregg is routinely admitted pro hac vice to represent clients in jurisdictions across the country.

Gregg is a cochair of Wilson Elser's Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance Practice. He has published numerous articles and given presentations on fire investigation, lithium-ion batteries and supply-chain issues. Gregg also has represented clients in regulatory matters including before the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and has defended clients in class actions in the United States and Canada.

Gregg is a tenacious advocate with the ability to drill down on details and pick up on technical issues. Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Gregg worked for the U.S. Department of Defense for three years.

Product Liability / Consumer Electronics and Appliances

Gregg defends manufacturers, distributors and retailers of consumer electronics and appliances in product liability litigation and claims concerning fires, burn injuries, fatalities, electrocutions/electric shocks, hearing loss and other bodily injuries. Gregg has nationally defended products such as household appliances; electric, kerosene and gas-powered heaters; cellular phones; lithium-ion batteries; and notebook computers. Gregg has researched and co-authored articles concerning fire investigations, the apparent manufacturer doctrine, lithium-ion batteries, cellular telephone product liability exposure

Services

- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Cannabis Law

and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. He has represented clients in multimillion-dollar property damage claims and in multiple fatality claims as well as allegations of electric shocks and hearing loss or other injuries from cellular telephones/RF exposure. Because he deals primarily with fire litigation, Gregg regularly attends fire-scene examinations and laboratory examinations, and swiftly develops strategies to best protect the client's interests.

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 2005)
 - cum laude
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1998)
 - magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

Awards & Honors

- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell