

Stephen T. Fowler

Of Counsel

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Stephen Fowler represents national and local businesses in complex civil litigation, with a focus on general liability, premises liability, and representing manufacturers in product liability cases.

Product Liability

Stephen has defended manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and medical devices, including drugs such as Taxotere and valsartan and products such as baby powder and pelvic mesh, in some of the largest multidistrict litigations in the country. He has also defended manufacturers of consumer products, including infant products, in catastrophic losses. Stephen works closely with scientific and medical experts, addressing general and specific causation issues, and damages experts on rare claims for hedonic (value-of-life) damages in infant death cases.

Toxic Tort

Stephen has defended manufacturers in “forever chemicals” (PFAS, PFOA) cases, handling general causation, toxicology, and epidemiology experts in class action and one-off individual cases.

Education

- George Mason University School of Law (J.D., 1999)
- Allegheny College (B.A. Psychology, 1989)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia
- Maryland
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Toxic Tort

- Court of Appeals for Virginia
- Appellate Court of Maryland
- D.C. Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

Judicial Fellow, American Academy of Medical Experts

Awards & Honors

- Dean's Medal for Alumni Excellence in Pro Bono Legal Services, George Mason University School of Law
- Henry L. Carrico Pro Bono Award, Legal Services of Northern Virginia
- James B. Hunter Human Rights Award

Representative Matters

Took the winning deposition of the prescribing physician in the Taxotere (chemotherapy drug) multidistrict litigation involving alopecia, obtaining dismissal of the bellwether case based on the learned intermediary doctrine.

Obtained dismissal for a national beauty products retailer in a defamation and malicious prosecution claim, successfully briefing and arguing the case to the Virginia Court of Appeals, which affirmed the dismissal.