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I'm a very practical person and a problem solver, so I'm able to provide my clients with the insight and assistance they need to successfully assess risks, navigate the litigation process and resolve disputes.

Tom's practice primarily consists of product liability matters and complex commercial litigation, including the defense of class actions. He focuses on defending major corporations, including manufacturers of automobiles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and power equipment against product liability, breach of warranty and other substantial claims. These matters often involve significant technical issues, and Tom works closely with accident reconstructionists, biomechanics, mechanical engineers and other technical experts on a regular basis.

Tom also represents clients in litigation involving breach of contract, consumer fraud and other claims related to automobile finance contracts, as well as other commercial matters including those involving insurance coverage and indemnification issues. His experience also includes the representation of hospitality industry clients in premises liability litigation.

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HONORS & AWARDS

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in the Product Liability Litigation - Defendants practice area (2021 - 2025)

Departments

Litigation

Practice Groups

Product Liability

Education

Brooklyn Law School, J.D.,
2006

The Johns Hopkins University,
B.A., 2003

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 2006

New York, 2008

Pennsylvania, 2022

U.S. District Court, District of
New Jersey, 2006

U.S. District Court, Southern
District of New York, 2010

U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of New York, 2010

U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of Pennsylvania, 2025

- Recipient of a Carswell Merit Scholarship from Brooklyn Law School

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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- Successfully defended an auto manufacturer against Lemon Law claims in multiple cases brought before the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law.
- Successfully argued a summary judgment motion on behalf of an auto manufacturer in a case involving Lemon Law and Breach of Warranty claims stemming from an alleged transmission defect.
- Played an important role in the firm's significant victory on behalf of Howard Johnson International, Inc. ("HJI") in *Sayles v. G&G Hotels, Inc.* The decision is significant in that it is the first published decision in which the Appellate Division approved a broad indemnification provision which provided for indemnification even for acts of one's own negligence. While the New Jersey Courts had previously indicated that such clauses were enforceable, previous Appellate Division decisions had found the clauses examined to be unenforceable.
- Played an important role in the firm's significant victory in *Stevenson v. American Honda Finance Corp.* The Court's ruling in favor of the Defendant thwarted a potential class action law suit, and is significant in that it confirms the insulation of assignees of consumer credit contracts from liability for Truth in Lending Act (TILA) violations that may be created by the lender. Read more about this case.

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- *Journal of Law and Policy* at Brooklyn Law School, Notes & Comments Editor
- While attending law school, served as a judicial intern to the Honorable George D. Salerno, New York Supreme Court, Bronx, New York (2004)

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, What's New for the Product Liability Landscape: Demystifying Critical Issues and Effective Risk Mitigation Strategies

Sponsor: *The Knowledge Group*, April 13, 2021

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Quoted, Amazon sold a chemical that led to 15 deaths. Who is responsible?

The Seattle Times, April 14, 2024

Author, Is Amazon Liable for Third-Party Sellers' Products? To Date, the Answer for E-Commerce Retailers May Depend on Where They Are

Greenbaum Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, August 9, 2021

NEWS

2025 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 56 Attorneys in 39 Practice Areas: Ten Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Three Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 15, 2024

2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Five Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 17, 2023

2023 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 51 Attorneys in 36 Practice Areas: Nine Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Seven Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 18, 2022