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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Products Liability Law; Litigation; Government, Regulatory & Administrative Law; Environmental Law Practice; Automotive; Autonomous & Intelligent Systems

Gary Wolensky is a Shareholder in Buchalter's Orange County office. He focuses his practice on the defense of companies in consumer class actions, product liability, personal injury, commercial, environmental, and technology litigation, particularly in the automobile, heavy construction equipment, trucking, motorcycle, consumer goods, football sporting goods and fitness equipment, pharmaceutical, medical device, and rideshare technology industries.

Through the decades, Mr. Wolensky has been lead trial counsel in numerous major personal injury, product liability, commercial, intellectual property, and class action matters. He currently serves as national, regional and/or local counsel for many international and domestic companies. He has tried and/or handled catastrophic cases in more than 30 states.

Mr. Wolensky has worked with many top researchers and consultants on head and spinal issues, and has extensive experience with traumatic brain injury litigation and regulatory issues representing helmet manufacturers. His specific experience includes successfully defending complex cases involving traumatic brain injuries including subarachnoid hemorrhages, subdural hematomas, diffuse axonal injuries, carotid artery and vertebral dissections, as well as numerous cases involving spinal injuries that resulted in quadriplegia, tetraplegia, and paraplegia.

Mr. Wolensky's medical background stems from attending first year medical resident courses mandated by a former client. Since then, he has also defended numerous medical device companies that manufacture scores of products including prosthetics, pedicle screws, and replacement knees, hips and shoulders, as well as pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Furthermore, Mr. Wolensky works closely with national industry associations in the development of test standards and medical causation defenses and consults with manufacturers and agencies regarding regulatory compliance, including possible and actual recalls, as well as FTC investigations and potential prosecutions. He has worked with companies of varying sizes in the United States and Asia on the development of product warnings, instructions, instruction manuals, and risk management programs. His experience has taught him that well-crafted warnings, instructions, and marketing and advertising, both in print and social media, can help manufacturers avoid difficult investigations, prosecutions, and litigation.

Mr. Wolensky has been elected for his third term to the Board of Directors of the Product Liability Advisory Council, and has served on the steering committee of the Legal Task Force for the Sports and Fitness Industry Association.

Mr. Wolensky has been recognized by the *Best Lawyers* in America for thirteen years in a row, featured in "Who's Who in American Law" and "Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defense," and received an AV Peer-

Review Rating from *Martindale-Hubbell*. Mr. Wolensky has also been recognized as a leading lawyer by Chambers USA. He has been named by *Super Lawyers* a Southern California Super Lawyer from 2014-2020, and as a 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in Product Liability Litigation.

Publications

- The Implications of California's Appellate Decision in *Malak Melvin Abdul Qadir v. Ubaldo Gurrola Figueroa et al.*, *Buchalter Client Alert*, August 26, 2021
- Buchalter Client Alert COVID-19: California Local Court Orders Regarding Closure, *Buchalter Client Alert*, March 31, 2020
- Don't Eat That, It's Expired! — Grocery Industry Adopts Standards For "Best if Used By" Labeling, *Law360*, March 15, 2017

Presentations

- Moderator, "The Pandemic: Part 1 + 2," PLAC 2020 Fall Conference, October 15, 2020
- Speaker, "Taking Action to Protect Fair Jury Trials," PLAC Webinar, October 6, 2020
- Speaker, "Autonomous Vehicle Liabilities: Assessing Litigation Hurdles Due to Lack of Regulatory Oversight," Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago, IL, July 18, 2019
- Panelist, "Gary Wolensky, Speaker at the 2019 Emerging Issues In Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Program," Hotel Del Coronado , April 4, 2019
- Speaker, "Defending Traditional Automotive Product Defect Actions in 2018 & Beyond: Spotlight on Roof Strength, Seat Back Deformities and Ejection Mitigation Theories," TheWit Hotel, Chicago, IL, July 20, 2018
- Moderator, "What the Client is Really Looking For (and Why You're Afraid to Ask)," PLAC 2017 Fall Conference, October 18, 2017
- Speaker, "Optimizing your retail sector: Examination & Risk Assessment around Ecommerce and third party market place," April 27, 2017
- Speaker, "Is Repetitive Head Injury Syndrome the Next Mass Toxic Tort?," April 19, 2017
- Speaker, "Hot Topics in Toxic Torts and Environmental Law," April 6, 2017
- Speaker, "Risk Management in Sports: Sports Related Medical Malpractice and Youth and Adult Professional Sports Concussions," February 24, 2017
- Presenter, "Sports-Related Concussion Lawsuits: Litigating in the Tidal Wave of Individual and Class Claims," October 20, 2016

Webinars

- "PLAC Webinar: Protecting Fair Jury Trials – Partaker vs. Hyundai Motor America," March 31, 2021
- "PLAC Webcast: New 2020 Product Liability Litigation Report," May 28, 2020
- "Speaker, "Webinar: Youth Sports: Concussion Concern, Injury Analysis and Compliance with California's New Concussion Law"," June 8, 2017

Education

Mr. Wolensky earned his J.D. at Villanova University School of Law and his B.A. *magna cum laude* at Villanova University.

Bar Admissions

- California
- New Jersey

- Pennsylvania
- Washington

Community

- Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC)
- Sporting and Fitness Industry Association, Legal Task Force Member
- American Bar Association