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Ed Abbot is a trial lawyer and litigator who concentrates his practice on a wide range of product liability, general commercial, and mass liability toxic tort litigation. He has experience representing corporations involved in asbestos litigation, as well as toxic tort litigation, premises liability, pharmaceutical and medical devices, and other complex cases in multiple jurisdictions.

Ed represents clients in federal and state courts. He is national coordinating and trial counsel to several defendants in toxic tort litigation and has diverse experience in representing defendants in other matters, including lead, construction equipment, contract, restaurant litigation, real estate, aviation, industrial machinery, business torts, and commercial disputes.

Across the country, Ed frequently lectures on issues involving toxic tort litigation, asbestos, and complex multi-party case management. He has also made radio and national television appearances to discuss legal matters, including on FOX and MSNBC as family counselor and spokesman for one of the wrongly accused defendants in the Duke Lacrosse case (2006-2007).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- DRI, Member of the Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee, National Marketing Chair for Asbestos Medicine Conference (2009¬2013)
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Mayor of Essex Fells, New Jersey (2002-2017)
- Chairman, Essex Fells Historical Committee
- Chairman, Essex County Republican Committee
- Firefighter, Essex Fells Fire Department
- Volunteer, Family Service League
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PRACTICE AREAS:

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STATE ADMISSIONS:

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COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Supreme Court of the United States

EDUCATION:

J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1985; Fordham Urban Law Journal

B.A., *with honors*, George Washington University, 1980

- Minister, Universal Life Church

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Listed among The Best Lawyers in America© (2021-2022, 2024-2027)
- University of Scranton, President's Business Council, Dinner Co-Chair and Master of Ceremonies – Supporting the University's Presidential Scholarship Endowment Fund; October 21, 2014
- Featured in the "Leader Spotlight" Column of DRI's The Voice Newsletter – August 15, 2012 – in recognition for leadership in, and contribution to, the organization and as Marketing Chair for DRI's Asbestos Medicine Seminar

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Emerging out of Bankruptcy," DRI Talc Litigation Seminar, August 2023.
- "Cosmetic Talc Update – Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs," Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar (2O22).
- "New Developments in the Cosmetic Talc and Asbestos Litigation," Defense Lawyers Asbestos Symposium, DRI (2021).
- "The Asbestos Talc Litigation: An analysis and Rebuttal of Plaintiff Claims," Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar, Virtual (2021).
- "Getting Along as a Cosmetic Talc Trial – Plaintiffs, Experts, Manufacturers, Distributors, and Retailers," Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Toxic Torts & Environmental Law Committee, American Bar Association (2O2O).
- "Update on E-Cigarettes and Vaping: Recent Litigation & Regulation," Perrin Conferences, Webinar (2020).
- "A Global Discussion with National Coordinating Counsel," DRI Talc Litigation Seminar, Washington, DC (2019).
- "The Talc Litigation: A Year in Review," Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar (2019).