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## Steve Rotman

### Experience

Steve Rotman has over thirty years of experience in the practice of law. For the last 20 years his practice has focused on pharmaceutical product liability litigation. Prior to that, his practice encompassed personal injury, product liability, constitutional law litigation, and commercial litigation, both on the defense and plaintiff sides.

He has experience with trials in state and federal courts, with AAA arbitrations, mediations, and appeals in state and federal courts. He has tried alone or with others, pharmaceutical and medical device products cases, medical malpractice cases, construction, family law, and commercial cases.

### Clients

Over the course of his career, Steve has concentrated on pharmaceutical product liability litigation, representing plaintiffs who suffered devastating injuries or loss of life from unreasonably dangerous drugs. He has served (and currently serves) on discovery and science committees, or performed common benefit work in several pharmaceutical and medical device multi-district litigations.

### PRACTICE AREAS

#### Mass Torts and Public Threats

All the cases below involved extensive work with experts in the fields of epidemiology, pharmacology, toxicology, neurology, neurosurgery, neuropsychology, oncology, radiology, cardiology, pathology, life care planning, physical therapy, biostatistics, vascular surgery, radiology and interventional radiology, and economics. These cases also entailed the review and analysis of documents obtained in discovery.

- *In re Zofran Products Liability Litigation* – In this case, the firm is representing clients alleging birth defects were associated with Zofran exposure. Steve currently serves on the court-appointed Plaintiffs Steering Committee this case before the Honorable Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Steve is also co-chair of the Science and Expert Committee in this litigation.
- *Boston Youth Tobacco Litigation* – Steve is currently involved in representing clients who have developed smoking-related disease from starting to smoke in their teens.

- *In re Phenylpropanolamine (PPA) Products Liability Litigation* – In the PPA litigation (decongestants associated with hemorrhagic stroke - 2000-2006), Steve was principally responsible for the MDL general causation *Daubert* briefing and general causation expert witness work. He took multiple depositions of defense liability witnesses and MDL causation experts in the fields of epidemiology and stroke neurology.
- *In re Hormone Replacement Therapy Litigation* – In HRT (2007-2012), Steve contributed to common benefit work regarding *Daubert* issues, safer alternative science development, recruitment of case specific causation, cell biology and epidemiology experts, and was primarily responsible for negotiating an aggregate settlement for clients who were exposed to estrogen without a progestogen. For individual HRT cases (2007- 2012), he handled all causation witnesses in two federal court trials (one settled post defense verdict; one plaintiffs' verdict resulting in a \$4 million compensatory and punitive damages award. He also recruited experts in oncology, pathology, cell biology, radiology, and epidemiology, and took or defended over 80 depositions.
- *In re Fresenius Granuflo/Naturalyte Dialysate Products Liability Litigation* – In this case, Steve served as a member of the *Daubert* committee and conducted significant work finding and preparing expert witnesses (in the areas of epidemiology, general, and specific causation), drafting multiple *Daubert* briefs, and arguing *Daubert* motions before the Honorable Judge Woodlock of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and the Honorable Maynard Kirpalani of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- *Bard IVC Filter Litigation* – This case involves the representation of clients with defective IVC filters.
- *Essure Products Liability Litigation* – In this case, Hausfeld represents clients with claims against Bayer Healthcare for injuries caused by the Essure® System for Permanent Birth Control.
- *Talcum Powder Products Litigation* – In this litigation, the firm is representing clients who allege they used talcum powder products and developed ovarian cancer as a result.
- *In re Diet Drugs* – Represented clients in this litigation alleging that diet pills were causing heart and lung injuries.

- Steve has also represented clients with defective Cox-2 inhibitor pain medications associated with heart attacks; clients who were prescribed Yaz birth control pills associated with clotting injuries, and clients alleging Paxil-related birth defect cases.

#### WHAT OTHERS SAY

- *Lawdragon* selected Steve as a “Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer” (2019-Present).
- Steve was awarded a Medal for Excellence for his service to the American Association for Justice.
- He has been invited to speak at local Bar Association and national legal conferences on the subjects of electronic evidence, medical evidence, and proving causation in pharmaceutical cases.

#### EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1979, Order of the Coif, Virginia Law Review

Harvard College, B.A., *Magna Cum Laude* (Philosophy) 1975

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

District of Columbia

#### AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Former Chair of the *Daubert*/Expert Witness Admissibility litigation group of the American Association for Justice (AAJ)

#### IN THE NEWS

April 16, 2020

Seven Hausfeld Lawyers Named to Lawdragon’s 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers Guide

July 26, 2019

Five Hausfeld Lawyers Named to Lawdragon’s 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers Guide

September 5, 2016

Hausfeld Expands to Boston, Welcoming Mass Tort Leaders James Gotz and Steve Rotman

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