

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

Related Lawyers: **James Gotz, Steve Rotman, Michael D. Hausfeld, Richard S. Lewis**

Related Practice Areas: **Mass Torts and Public Health Threats**

September 6, 2016 (Boston, MA) – James Gotz and Steve Rotman, both seasoned leaders of the mass tort bar, have joined Hausfeld and opened the firm’s eighth office, in Boston, Massachusetts.

For over twenty years, James Gotz has represented clients both locally in Massachusetts and nationally in complex tort litigation, ranging from standalone catastrophic injury due to negligence and medical malpractice, to individual product liability actions and pharmaceutical/medical device mass torts. He has tried to verdict, as first chair, over 12 jury cases in Massachusetts state and federal courts, including *Dodge v. Tezel* (Suffolk Superior Court), which remains the largest state verdict in a pedestrian versus vehicle negligence case, in excess of sixteen million dollars. He has overseen the prosecution and multi-million dollar resolution of several complex wrongful death actions, from automotive product liability, to day care center wrongful death, to medical malpractice. In addition to his stand-alone complex tort practice, James has been a leader in pharmaceutical and medical device mass torts, including most recently his management of the GranuFlo MDL litigation in Boston.

Steve Rotman has likewise been a leader of the mass torts bar for decades. For the last ten 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, three pharmaceutical products cases, two medical malpractice cases, a medical device case, several construction cases, and several commercial cases.

Chairman Michael Hausfeld stated, “we are honored to have James Gotz and Steve Rotman join us in bringing quality representation on behalf of individuals who have been wronged in mass torts. They will be able to seek measures of justice throughout the United States, from a strong foothold in a key jurisdiction: Boston, Massachusetts.”

Hausfeld’s mass tort practice leader, Richard Lewis noted, “the mass tort bar has worked with both James and Steve for decades. Each has earned the respect of their peers, the courts, and defense counsel for their consistent level of quality work and integrity. James has exhibited leadership in all facets of MDL and state court work, as exemplified by his recent participation in the proposed GranuFlo settlement. Steve has demonstrated leadership in working with various types of medical and scientific expert witnesses over the last two decades and has recently continued that work in the GranuFlo and IVC litigations. They bring this experience and these skills to Hausfeld, which has a strong history in mass tort and now is poised to expand and improve on that practice.”

This latest expansion is part of the firm's strategic growth worldwide, which has included, in the last two years, the opening of offices in Brussels, Berlin and New York.

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