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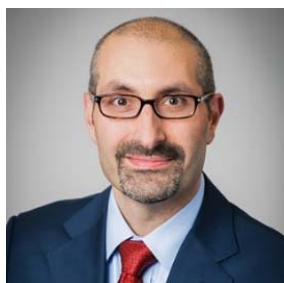
- Head of Weil's nationally recognized Product Liability and Mass Tort practice
- Extensive experience advising on risk mitigation and crisis response, and serving as lead counsel in high-stakes mass tort and consumer fraud litigation in U.S. state and federal courts, including on behalf of Japanese companies
- Representative clients include Toyobo, Eli Lilly, 3M, Nortek, and Cooper Tire
- Recognized on a national basis as a leading lawyer by *Benchmark Litigation* and *Legal 500*



**Diane Sullivan**

Partner  
Princeton, NJ &  
New York

- Nationally acclaimed first-chair trial lawyer who tries mass tort, complex commercial, antitrust, and class action cases in jurisdictions around the U.S.
- Representative clients include Toyobo, ExxonMobil, General Electric, Johnson & Johnson, Philip Morris USA, Procter & Gamble, and Repsol
- Recognized among the top trial lawyers in the U.S. and globally by *The American Lawyer*, *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global*, *Benchmark Litigation*, and *Legal 500*, as well as by *The National Law Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Law360*



**Theodore Tsekerides**

Partner  
New York

- Partner in Weil's Litigation Department with over 20 years of experience representing clients in significant product liability and commercial disputes, as well as large-scale bankruptcy proceedings and related litigation, often involving Japanese and other international companies
- Representative clients include Takata Corp., ExxonMobil, Discovery Communications and ESPN
- Recognized nationally as a leading products, commercial, and bankruptcy lawyer by *Benchmark Litigation* and *Legal 500*

## Arvin Maskin



### Arvin Maskin

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#### Market recognition

- *Heralded by clients as “a legend of the defense bar” and “well-prepared, tenacious and strategic,” Mr. Maskin is consistently recognized among the top product liability attorneys nationwide by leading publications such as Legal 500 and Benchmark Litigation.*

#### Education

Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1978)  
 Georgetown University (B.A., 1975)

Arvin Maskin is Head of Weil’s Product Liability and Mass Tort practice. He serves as lead counsel in some of the largest and most complex mass tort and product liability litigations in the United States, and advises in connection with investigations, safety and compliance issues, and risk mitigation and crisis response. Formerly with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington DC, Mr. Maskin was the government’s lead counsel in such seminal matters such as the “Agent Orange” litigation.

Mr. Maskin has been consistently successful in handling a broad range of domestic and international matters, including the defense, coordination and resolution of product liability, mass tort and consumer fraud litigations, in some cases seeking billions of dollars in claims. His experience includes cases involving asbestos, breast implants, food products, industrial chemicals, genetic research, lead paint, aircraft, automotive products, electrical and navigation equipment, and pharmaceuticals and medical devices. He also provides clients with counseling relating to industrial, consumer and OTC products, FDA, EPA, NHTSA and Consumer Product Safety Act compliance, domestic and international product recalls, product distribution, marketing and labeling, internal, Congressional, and other governmental investigations, the False Claims Act, the Alien Tort Statute, and risk avoidance, crisis management and strategic media communications.

Mr. Maskin is often sought in the defense of high-stakes, high-profile mass tort matters. He has been a lead counsel and negotiator in connection with World War II forced and slave labor class actions involving eight different nations, and has served as lead counsel in the defense and resolution of 33 separate state consumer fraud class actions and an MDL concerning some 170 million automobile and light truck tires. He has handled mass tort class actions involving African apartheid-related claims under the Alien Tort Statute, as well as class actions and related consumer fraud, personal injury, and False Claims Act litigations throughout the country involving the sale of hundreds of thousands of bullet-proof vests, and seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages.

Some of Mr. Maskin’s notable experience includes:

- Serving as lead counsel for a major Japanese fiber manufacturer, Toyobo, in the defense of nationwide consumer fraud class actions, federal claims, foreign claims, suits by states attorneys general and personal injury claims arising from the sale of high-performance fiber used in the manufacture of hundreds of thousands of bullet-resistant vests.
- Successfully representing Nortek Global HVAC, LLC, a leading manufacturer of heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment, in several putative class actions in Florida and Tennessee federal courts alleging that Nortek failed to disclose defects in its air conditioning equipment. Obtained denial of plaintiffs’ motion for class certification in the Florida case, as well as the dismissal of all claims, with prejudice, in the Tennessee case.
- Serving as lead counsel in the coordination of the defense and successful resolution of more than thirty state-wide consumer fraud class actions against Cooper Tire & Rubber and a multi-district litigation involving the sale of more than 170 million tires. Negotiated and obtained approval of a novel nationwide class action settlement resolving all of these actions on terms that were extremely favorable to Cooper Tire, covering as many as 40 million class members.
- Represented Genovo Inc. in a high-profile lawsuit brought by estate of Jesse Gelsinger, alleging that Genovo defectively designed and manufactured an adeno-viral vector used in an experimental gene therapy treatment that purportedly caused Mr. Gelsinger’s death. The case was settled on terms very favorable to Genovo. Mr. Maskin also handled all inquiries from Congress and the FDA.

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- Serving as class counsel in the defense of 3M in a national class action and MDL involving breast implants. Served as lead counsel in the representation of 3M in all aspects of the case before Chief Judge Sam Pointer, including the novel Rule 706 Science Panel and the resolution of critical Daubert issues, as well as issues relating to the Dow bankruptcy. Also served as lead counsel representing 3M in numerous actions seeking to hold it responsible for silicone gel breast implants manufactured by McGhan Medical, the company that had purchased 3M's breast implant business. After being appointed counsel following a trial in the first case, developed key summary judgment motions in selected jurisdictions, which were granted by the courts. Using the precedents established by these summary judgment decisions, convinced plaintiffs to drop the remainder of their claims against 3M for McGhan breast implants. In all, won over 15 summary judgment motions in multiple jurisdictions.
- Successfully defended toxic tort claims by a dozen employees and their families working on components of the Trident Nuclear Submarine alleging birth defects, cancer and a host of other maladies.
- Served as lead counsel in the defense and ultimately successful dismissal of approximately 10,000 asbestos personal injury claims based on lack of exposure.
- Won over 25 summary judgments in products liability cases in state and federal courts around the country on behalf of Sequa Corporation alleging death arising from the use of radioactive contrast media.
- Lead counsel in a class action filed against Westinghouse Electric Corp. by workers at its capacitor manufacturing plant in Bloomington, Indiana, alleging personal injuries from exposure to PCBs. Following class discovery, the court denied plaintiffs' motion for class certification, and then granted Westinghouse's motion to dismiss. Mr. Maskin argued the appeal in the Seventh Circuit, which affirmed both of the District Court's decisions.
- Represented Westinghouse in litigations filed against it by disposal yard employees who alleged injuries from exposure to PCBs while disposing of discarded transformers and capacitors. Following discovery, the trial court granted Westinghouse's summary judgment motion. After the intermediate appellate court reversed this decision, Westinghouse appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court. The Supreme Court reversed the appellate court, and reinstated the trial court's summary judgment decision. In addition, the Supreme Court specifically rejected the intermediate appellate court's attempt to create a new cause of action for spoliation of evidence against Westinghouse.
- Lead counsel for Ingersoll-Rand in a \$60 million product liability suit filed against it, seeking damages for severe personal injuries due to alleged design and manufacturing defects in a Bobcat skid-steer loader. After both fact and expert discovery, Weil Gotshal filed and argued Daubert motions seeking to disqualify plaintiffs' experts and for summary judgment. Plaintiff subsequently agreed to settle the case on terms extremely favorable to Ingersoll-Rand.

Mr. Maskin has been recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* since 2009 as a "Litigation Star" for Product Liability in the U.S. and since 2011 a "Local Litigation Star" for Product Liability in New York. He has also been recognized since 2014 by *Legal 500* as a "recommended" lawyer for Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense, including in the Consumer Products, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, and Toxic Tort specialties, with client commentators calling him "a legend of the defense bar" and "well-prepared, tenacious and strategic." He also is a nationally recognized attorney on punitive damages, class actions and multidistrict litigation, as well as the use of science in the courtroom.

Mr. Maskin is a Life Member of the American Law Institute and is a Fellow of the American and New York Bar Foundation. He was a member of the American Law Institute's Consultative Group for the *Restatement of the Law of Torts (Third): Products Liability*, and has served as a member of the Institute's Consultative Group for the *Restatement of the Law of Torts: General Principles*. He also served as a reviewer for the *Manual for Complex Litigation (Third)* for the Federal Judicial Center.

Currently, Mr. Maskin is Co-Chairman of the American Bar Association's Mass Torts Litigation Committee, Litigation Section, and Chairman of the Enterprise Risk Management Task Force of the Committee on Corporate Counsel, Litigation Section. He also serves as Co-Chair of the 2019 Litigation Section Annual Conference of the ABA. Mr. Maskin formerly served as Co-Chairman of the ABA Subcommittee on Complex Torts of the Corporate Counsel Committee, Litigation Section and Co-Chairman of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee of the Litigation Section. He was immediate past co-chairman of the ABA Mass Tort and Product Liability Subcommittee of the Committee on Corporate Counsel. He was also past Chairman of the Toxic and Hazardous Substances and Environmental Law Committee of the Torts and Insurance Practice Section of the ABA. He was appointed to the Task Force on Mass Torts of the US Chamber of Commerce, and serves as a member of the Boards of Advisors of Bloomberg BNA's *Civil Trial Manual*, *Toxics Law Reporter* and *Product Safety & Liability Reporter*, Leader Publications' *Products Liability Law & Strategy*, among others. He is a member of the Legal Policy Advisory Board of the Washington Legal Foundation, and a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel.

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### Market recognition

- Clients call Ms. Sullivan “one of the foremost litigators in town.” — *Legal 500*
- Sources note that “Diane Sullivan ... is a ‘first-class trial lawyer in every way.’” — *Chambers USA*
- Ms. Sullivan is described as “one of the nation’s most iconic trial lawyers.” — *Benchmark Litigation*

### Education

University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 1987)  
Fairfield University (B.A., 1984)

Diane P. Sullivan is a partner in the Litigation Department in Weil’s New York, NY and Princeton, NJ offices where she specializes in trial of high stakes cases.

Ms. Sullivan is a nationally recognized trial attorney. In 2012, *The American Lawyer* featured her in its “Litigator of the Year” edition, noting that she “isn’t a hired gun; she’s more like a hired bazooka repeatedly parachuting into high-stakes cases leading up to trial and securing victories.” In both 2007 and 2017, *The National Law Journal* featured Ms. Sullivan’s jury verdicts in its annual series: “Winning: Successful Strategies from the Nation’s Top Litigators” which highlights significant trial wins by the nation’s top trial lawyers. The same publication highlighted her jury verdicts as among the “Top Verdicts of the Year” in six different years. She was one of 19 attorneys in the country named a “Lawdragon Legend” in 2017 for being recognized as one of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America for ten years or more. *Lawdragon* noted “she has produced a batting average in jury trials in the Hall of Fame category” and described her as “one of the most feared trial lawyers in the nation.” The publication further stated: “In court or arbitrations for corporate clients, she is as good as any advocate in the country.” She was named one of *Law360*’s 2015 “Trial Aces” in its inaugural list recognizing the top trial attorneys in the country based on success in high-stakes trials, and as one of *Law360*’s 2016 Trial “MVPs” in the publication’s inaugural ranking of the five most valuable trial lawyers in the country based on significant trial victories. In 2018, *Benchmark Litigation* described her as “one of the nation’s most iconic trial lawyers.”

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

### Experience

- Lead trial counsel for GE securing a complete defense win after a four-week arbitration in a suit involving claims for over \$1 billion in damages relating to construction of a clean energy power plant.
- Lead trial counsel for ESPN securing a defense verdict against Dish Network following a three-week jury trial in the Southern District of New York involving more than \$150 million in claims. This victory was featured in *The American Lawyer* and in *Law360*’s “How They Won It” series.
- Lead trial counsel for Merck in the legal battle over Vioxx®. Ms. Sullivan secured the first trial victory for Merck, convincing jurors to reject the plaintiff’s failure to warn and consumer fraud claims. This defense verdict, in a plaintiff-friendly “judicial hell-hole” jurisdiction, was featured on the front pages of newspapers across the country and *InsideCounsel* named it one of the “five verdicts of 2005 that are reshaping corporate defense strategies.” *The National Law Journal* featured the win as one of the top verdicts of the year. Subsequently, Ms. Sullivan scored another victory for Merck in the Vioxx® litigation – the first defense verdict in a long-term use case. The victory was hailed by analysts as significant, particularly in serving to thwart future collateral estoppel arguments. This verdict was also featured by *The National Law Journal* as one of the top verdicts of the year. She went on to win yet a third jury verdict for Merck in a Vioxx® case; a victory also featured in legal and lay publications.
- Lead trial counsel for Philip Morris USA securing a unanimous defense verdict following a three-week class action jury trial of medical monitoring claims pursued on behalf of all Massachusetts smokers of Marlboro cigarettes who had smoked for 20-plus pack-years, with a total class size in the tens of thousands. This verdict was featured in the *American Lawyer* “Litigator of the Week” series, in *Law360*, and in *The National Law Journal* “Winning” series as a top verdict of the year.
- Lead trial counsel for global energy company Repsol in environmental litigation involving claims of “alter ego” and fraudulent conveyance. The Weil team secured a victory on all claims involving over \$1 billion dollars in damages while also succeeding on Repsol’s \$65 million counterclaim. The win was profiled in *Law360*.
- Lead trial counsel for Philip Morris USA securing a defense verdict after a four-month jury trial in St. Louis where 37 Missouri hospitals sued for half a billion dollars in economic loss plus punitive damages relating to costs for treating patients with smoking-related illness. The victory was described by the press as “resounding and complete.” Ms. Sullivan’s work in this trial was highlighted by the *Financial Times* as an example of “innovative lawyering” and was also recognized by *The American Lawyer* in its “Litigator of the Week” profile.
- Lead trial counsel for Procter & Gamble in class action litigation relating to its probiotic supplement Align® securing a favorable settlement on the eve of trial.

## Diane P. Sullivan continued

**Market recognition** (continued)

- “[Diane Sullivan] isn’t a hired gun; she’s more like a hired bazooka repeatedly parachuting into high-stakes cases leading up to trial and securing victories.” — *The American Lawyer*, 2012 “Litigator of the Year” Awards (Finalist).
- “[A] top choice in bet-the-company litigation.” — *Chambers USA*, 2011
- “Rated by clients as ‘just a brilliant, brilliant trial lawyer...’” — *Legal 500 US*, 2010
- *The National Law Journal* has featured Ms. Sullivan’s jury verdicts as “Top Defense Verdicts of the Year” in 2017, 2011, 2006, 2005 and 2002.
- Sources note “Diane connects with jurors in a very honest way. She understands how regular people think about things and is able to boil down complex issues into bite-sized, understandable pieces.” — *Law360 Trial Aces*, 2015

- Lead trial counsel for Sanofi in antitrust litigation against Mylan relating to the marketing of EpiPen®.
- Lead trial counsel for SAC Capital and Steven Cohen in litigation brought by Fairfax Financial Holdings for \$8 billion dollars alleging fraud and conspiracy relating to short sales of securities; summary judgments granted for Mr. Cohen and for SAC Capital before trial. The win was highlighted in newspapers across the country and featured in *Law360*.
- Lead trial counsel for Walgreens in consumer class action litigation relating to Theranos Labs blood testing technology, securing dismissal of core claims and an indemnification from Theranos.
- Lead trial counsel for Johnson & Johnson and Janssen Pharmaceuticals in a bellwether trial in mass tort litigation in Philadelphia.
- Lead trial counsel for a major office supply company in \$6 billion dollar antitrust trial.
- Lead counsel for Sanofi securing a dismissal of all claims in Illinois federal court in a putative consumer class action following Sanofi’s global recall of its epinephrine injection product, Auvi-Q®. The win was featured in *Law360*.
- Lead counsel for defendant in the Lac-Mégantic train derailment involving environmental, property and wrongful death claims in multiple forums securing a favorable settlement and a channeling injunction preventing future claims.
- Lead trial counsel for Cardinal Health Corporation in patent infringement litigation relating to gel capsule technology, securing favorable settlement after Markman hearing.
- Lead trial counsel for AstraZeneca securing a defense verdict in the first bellwether trial of more than 20,000 claims involving the prescription drug Seroquel®. The verdict was described by the press as a “huge win” for AstraZeneca, particularly the jury’s finding that AstraZeneca’s warnings were adequate.
- Lead trial counsel for Merck and Schering-Plough in class action lawsuits alleging consumer fraud and RICO claims relating to the drugs Vytorin® and Zetia®; favorably settled before trial.
- Lead trial counsel for a major Japanese manufacturer in federal False Claims Act suits involving hundreds of millions in contested damages, securing favorable settlement on eve of trial.
- Lead trial counsel for Baxter Healthcare Corporation and Allegiance Healthcare Corporation in the first trial in the federal MDL latex medical device mass tort litigation, which resulted in a defense jury verdict. The verdict was named one of the top defense verdicts of the year by *The National Law Journal*.
- Lead trial counsel for Nutraquest in the ephedra mass tort litigation, including defending a \$685 million personal injury claim filed by the estate of professional baseball player Steve Bechler.

Ms. Sullivan is also ranked nationally by *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global* as one of the leading trial lawyers in the country. *Chambers* described her as “a renowned courtroom presence, equally adept at handling the full range of complex commercial cases, mass torts and class actions.” Clients noted she is an “absolutely sterling” “extraordinary trial lawyer,” “fantastic,” “a top choice in bet-the-company litigation,” and “one of the best I’ve ever seen.” Clients further advised: “She is a first class trial lawyer in every way,” and “a real weapon at trial,” “one of the best trial lawyers in the country.” “She is one of the best trial lawyers out there; we go to her with our most important work.” With experience across a range of industries, she is praised as “a truly tremendous trial lawyer,” “a superstar litigator” who keeps on winning “nationally significant cases” in jurisdictions throughout the country. Clients remarked: “Her trial presence is unmatched,” and “she was just wonderful – a powerful presence who boils down complex issues in a way that can be readily communicated to a jury.” *Chambers* also stated: “She’s rightly named a top lawyer – she handles some of the toughest cases.” Clients praised her “remarkable talent and fearless approach,” her “amazing cross-examinations,” and her “fantastic ability to build up a narrative and connect with juries in an honest way.”

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They also noted that she “gets great results” and is “fearless, excellent, and as zealous an advocate as there is in the Bar.” In 2010, Ms. Sullivan was named by *Law360* as one of the most admired attorneys in the nation based on a survey of her peers and in-house counsel. In 2011, Ms. Sullivan was selected as one of *Law360*’s Litigation “MVPs” for success in major litigation and has been repeatedly recognized as a *Law360* “Legal Lion” for success in high profile litigations. A member of The *Legal 500* “Hall of Fame” for lawyers at “the pinnacle of the profession,” the publication noted that she is “an absolute star,” “a gifted trial lawyer who regularly secures favorable verdicts in high-stakes matters.” She is rated by clients as “just a brilliant, brilliant trial lawyer” and appreciated because “she wins her cases.” She is “in a small class of bet-the-company trial lawyers.”

She has been featured for her trial victories on the front pages of *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and on the cover of *The American Lawyer*, among other publications. Ms. Sullivan has also been recognized by *Lawyers Weekly USA*, which named her one of the top 10 lawyers of the year. *The International Who’s Who* references Ms. Sullivan for commendation by her peers as one of the most highly regarded practitioners in the field. She has repeatedly been named for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*, including 2018 “Lawyer of the Year” in the areas of Bet-the-Company litigation, Commercial Litigation, and representing defendants in Mass Tort/Class Action Litigation. In 2017, Ms. Sullivan received the prestigious *Euromoney* Women in Business “Most Outstanding Practitioner” award, given to one lawyer each year for her contributions to the legal profession. In 2012, Ms. Sullivan was named one of the top 15 Female Trial Attorneys by *Law360* for scoring “landmark victories” and “blazing trails.” She has been consistently recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a “Litigation Star” and as one of the Top Ten Women Litigators in the country. In 2016 and 2017, *LMG Life Sciences Guide* named Ms. Sullivan a “Life Science Star” and praised her as a “nationally revered trial lawyer who has routinely secured victories, often high stakes and precedent-setting, for a ‘Who’s Who’ list of clients.”

Ms. Sullivan is a frequent author and speaker on topics relating to litigation and trial issues.

## Theodore E. Tsekerides



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### Market recognition

- Mr. Tsekerides is consistently recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a national “Litigation Star” for Product Liability and as a “Local Litigation Star” in New York.

### Education

Brooklyn Law School (J.D., 1993)  
 Columbia University (B.A., 1990)

Theodore Tsekerides is a partner in Weil’s Litigation Department, where he concentrates his practice in product liability/mass torts, complex commercial litigation, and bankruptcy litigation matters, as well as risk avoidance counseling and strategy. He has been recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a national “Litigation Star” for Product Liability and as a “Local Litigation Star” in New York, and by *Legal 500* as a “recommended” lawyer nationwide for Product Liability and Mass Torts, and General Commercial Disputes.

Some of Mr. Tsekerides’ notable recent engagements have included:

- Defending consumer product and energy companies in large-scale environmental and mass tort litigation, including arising out of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and the clean-up efforts following the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York.
- Counseling automobile parts manufacturers with respect to product liability issues, product recalls and pre-litigation counseling, and related investigations by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Representing major media and entertainment companies in complex contractual disputes, including those arising out of participation agreements, production company agreements, and carriage agreements.
- Serving as lead counsel to various parties, including trustees, debtors, and unsecured creditors and creditors’ committees, in major bankruptcy-related proceedings and follow-on litigation.

Mr. Tsekerides has over 20 years of litigation and trial experience representing companies in high-stakes matters that threaten their reputations and businesses. He has extensive experience in multi-district litigation, class actions, and individual actions, and has represented clients in federal and state courts throughout the country at all stages of the litigation process, including often acting as coordinating national litigation counsel. For example, he:

- Serves as go-to counsel for Discovery Communications, LLC in a variety of disputes with distributors, production companies, and talent, including: a multi-million dollar breach of contract case brought by a former satellite distributor regarding distribution of Discovery programming, which he tried to a favorable bench ruling in Maryland federal court and won on appeal before the Fourth Circuit; and the defense of a breach of contract, copyright, and trademark infringement suit in California federal court arising out of Discovery’s termination of its relationship with a television production company.
- Represents ExxonMobil in a number of litigations and trial proceedings in New Jersey and Vermont brought by State agencies relating to the use of MTBE as an additive in gasoline.
- Served as one of the lead attorneys representing The Walt Disney Company and ESPN in connection with litigation involving licensing agreements and Most-Favored Nations provisions, including obtaining a major jury trial victory on behalf various Disney-related entities in a contract case involving over \$100 million in alleged damages. Served as one of the lead attorneys defending Seacor Holdings and its subsidiaries in the multi-district litigation coordinated in New Orleans federal court relating to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.



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- Served as one of the lead attorneys representing Lend Lease in all aspects of the World Trade Center debris removal litigation, which involved more than 10,000 claims brought by plaintiffs alleging respiratory and other injuries as a result of the Ground Zero site cleanup. He also was extensively involved in efforts that resulted in passage of the Zadroga Act by the United States Congress addressing the claims of these plaintiffs and other injured parties, and providing legal protections for contractors such as Lend Lease that assisted in the cleanup.

Mr. Tsekerides also has substantial experience serving as litigation counsel to trustees, debtors, and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and related disputes involving a wide range of industries, including transportation, energy, arts and antiques, securities, and telecommunications. Currently, he serves as lead litigation counsel for subsidiaries of Takata Corporation in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, where he has primary oversight of mass tort and litigation claims arising out of numerous recalls of airbags containing allegedly defective parts supplied by Takata. In these cases, he led the Weil team that secured a critical victory for the Debtors by convincing the court to grant their motion for a preliminary injunction, and temporarily staying hundreds of cases throughout the country against car manufacturers that utilized Takata's airbags, as well as claims against Takata brought by the governments of New Mexico, Hawaii, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Recently, he also served as lead litigation counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of SunEdison in connection with SunEdison's high-profile Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in April 2016 – one of the most significant bankruptcy proceedings in the past two years, with claims in excess of \$4 billion. His other prior experience includes serving as a lead litigation counsel in the Enron, WorldCom, and Loral Satellite bankruptcies.

He also has experience litigating insurance coverage disputes, both for carriers and insureds, involving a variety of matters and policy types ranging from malicious product tampering to environmental cleanup obligations.

Mr. Tsekerides is the co-author of "Expert Evidence In The Second Circuit," appearing in *Scientific Evidence Review*, and has written widely on other evidentiary matters concerning the admissibility of expert evidence in class actions. He also is co-editor of Weil's Product Liability Monitor, a blog discussing key trends and developments in the product liability/mass tort field.