Mass Torts Associate

Reports to: Partner
FLSA Status: Exempt

Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP seeks to hire a junior associate (Class of 2024) to join the firm's emerging Mass Torts litigation group. This group focuses on identifying, developing, and prosecuting large-scale product liability and consumer injury matters on behalf of individuals harmed by corporate misconduct. Candidates should have a strong interest in mass torts and complex litigation, including defective products, consumer health and safety, toxic exposures, and other emerging product-liability theories.

The Firm seeks an intellectually curious and entrepreneurial attorney to play a case-development and intake-focused role, evaluating potential mass tort matters from inception through early litigation strategy, as well as litigating cases through MDL proceedings and contributing to the growth of a developing practice area.

Primary responsibilities will include researching and vetting potential new mass tort cases, analyzing scientific, regulatory, and factual records, assessing causation and case viability, supporting early pleading and strategy decisions, and litigating matters as they progress. The role will involve both traditional legal research and the use of business-intelligence tools to evaluate defendants, products, exposure populations, and litigation risk, as well as assisting in the development of an emerging department.

Successful candidates will have experience in product liability, consumer protection, or complex litigation, be self-motivated, and capable of organizing and advancing projects independently. Candidates should enjoy reading and writing extensively, thinking creatively about novel legal theories, and working independently to move matters from concept to execution.

The successful candidate will possess excellent legal analysis, research, and writing skills, strong organizational abilities, and the capacity to manage multiple fast-moving matters simultaneously. An entrepreneurial mindset and interest in evaluating and shaping new litigation opportunities are essential. Judicial clerkship experience or pre-law-school professional experience is preferred.

Job Duties: Primary duties consist of, but are not limited to the following:

- Interpreting federal and state statutes, regulations, and case law and applying them to complex factual records in mass tort and product liability matters;

- Evaluating causation, liability, and damages issues based on scientific, regulatory, and evidentiary records;
- Communicating and negotiating with defense counsel regarding procedural issues, discovery scope, and case management matters in coordinated proceedings and MDLs;
- Participating in and, as appropriate, leading meet-and-confer sessions concerning discovery, case management, and scheduling;
- Reviewing and analyzing documents and discovery materials produced by defendants, including regulatory submissions, internal communications, and scientific materials;
- Drafting discovery requests, including document requests, interrogatories, requests for admission, and deposition notices;
- Preparing and organizing materials for depositions, hearings, and other proceedings;
- Taking and defending depositions, including corporate and expert witnesses, as appropriate;
- Conducting legal research on liability, preemption, causation, and procedural issues;
- Drafting pleadings, briefs, motions, and legal memoranda;
- Assisting in mediation and settlement preparation, including claim valuation and settlement strategy;
- Participating in settlement conferences and case strategy meetings;
- Presenting analyses, updates, and recommendations at team meetings;
- Coordinating scheduling for hearings, meet-and-confers, and conferences; and
- Performing other tasks as assigned by the Managing Attorney or practice group leadership.

Qualifications

- Must be admitted to a state bar and must be in good standing;
- Excellent writing skills;
- Ability to juggle multiple tasks simultaneously and meet deadlines;
- Good communication skills;
- Ability to work within a team environment.

Please submit your resume and cover letter to **careers@labaton.com**.