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Bartlit Jr Fred *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

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Beck Philip *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Fred Bartlit Jr

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

One source describes Fred Bartlit of Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP as “a consummate trial lawyer.” He has an outstanding reputation for his courtroom advocacy, having represented clients across a wide range of high-profile cases, including product liability, white-collar and antitrust matters.

Philip Beck

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

An experienced trial attorney whose impressive case history includes bet-the-company cases for household-name clients, especially in large product liability cases. One typically impressed contributor describes him as “a wonderfully talented trial lawyer.” Philip Beck is a name partner at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP.

PRODUCT LIABILITY & MASS TORTS

Product Liability & Mass Torts Leading Firms

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Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Leading Individuals

Star individuals

Beck Philip *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Band 3

Hoeflich Adam *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP*

Recognised Practitioner

Weinstein Bacon Rebecca *Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar*

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

What the team is known for Eminent trial boutique with an impressive track record of victories in high-stakes product liability matters. Highlighted for its depth of experience and outstanding courtroom abilities. Expert representation of market-leading chemical companies, pharmaceuticals and defense contractors, among others. Frequently appears as national counsel in multidistrict litigation, as well as class actions and single plaintiff state claims.

Strengths One client simply states: “It’s probably the best firm I’ve ever worked with. They are the most strategic, practical group of lawyers ever.”

Work highlights Defended Trinity Industries and Trinity Highway Products against putative class actions and individual claims alleging that defects in the ET Plus guardrail terminal system resulted in injuries.

Significant clients Technologies, Bayer, NL Industries.

Notable practitioners

Sources agree that the “phenomenal” **Philip Beck** is “right up there with the best” trial lawyers in this market. His impressive track record of major representations in product liability cases sees him regularly retained on multibillion-dollar disputes, acting for clients such as Whirlpool and Bayer. **Adam Hoeflich** routinely appears as national counsel in multidistrict product liability cases on behalf of major businesses. Interviewees describe him as an “excellent lawyer,” highlighting his experience in coordinating large-scale class action and individual claims defense.

ILLINOIS

LITIGATION

Litigation: General Commercial Leading Firms

Band 1

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Senior Statesmen and Eminent Practitioners

Senior Statesmen: distinguished older practitioners

Bartlit Jr Fred Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Leading Individuals

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Beck Philip Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

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Hoeflich Adam Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

What the team is known for Standout litigation boutique renowned for its expertise in the litigation space and much sought after for its capabilities in highly complex class action and multidistrict matters. Possesses deep expertise in areas such as product liability, mass torts, securities, antitrust and IP. Features an exceptional roster of talented attorneys with an impressive track record of success at trial.

Strengths Clients label this a “go-to firm for big-ticket, bet-the-company litigation” and confirm that it “delivers tremendous results for us.”

Work highlights Successfully defended Sikorsky Aircraft against two DOJ actions alleging that the company had violated cost accounting and government contract procedures.

Significant clients Trinity Industries, Sabre Corporation, Elliot Associates, Bayer.

Notable practitioners

Philip Beck is “one of the best lawyers in Chicago,” according to impressed peers. His market-leading courtroom practice sees him frequently act on multibillion-dollar disputes for an impressive corporate roster. One source confirms that “his personal trial strength is the big draw for me,” describing him as “very smart, savvy and quick, with a lot of agility.” “Very fine lawyer” **Adam Hoeflich** is recommended for his broad civil litigation expertise, which includes particular experience in defending against large-scale class actions. He is held in high regard by clients, one of whom reports: “He did a fantastic job for us.” **Fred Bartlit** is a highly respected trial lawyer whose longstanding litigation experience includes acting for major technology, aviation and pharmaceutical companies in big-ticket civil disputes. One source notes: “They broke the mold with him! He’s a consummate trial lawyer.”

COLORADO

LITIGATION

Litigation: General Commercial
Leading Firms
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Senior Statesmen
Senior Statesmen: distinguished older practitioners
Bartlit Jr Fred <i>Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP</i>
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Olson Eric <i>Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP</i>
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Summers Glen <i>Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP</i>

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

What the team is known for A dominant practice that represents large US and multinational corporations in complex and high-profile cases. Draws on a deep bench of high-quality attorneys and is recognized for its strength in bet-the-company mass tort and product liability litigation. Other areas of expertise include IP and antitrust.

Strengths The team is described as a “powerhouse” by sources, with one client saying: “Every person at Bartlit Beck has been terrific and we’ve had really good results.”

Work highlights Led MassMutual in securities actions against Credit Suisse. The case concerned misrepresentation claims related to the defendant’s sale of residential mortgage-backed securities between 2005 and 2007.

Significant clients Sabre, Amazon, ConocoPhillips, OtterBox, Trinity Industries.

Notable practitioners

Eric Olson is a “talented” lawyer who left peers “impressed with his thought process.” He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in complex cases concerning product liability and contract issues, among other areas. One source commends senior statesman **Fred Bartlit** as “arguably the best trial lawyer in the United States.” He has a long history of securing victories as defense counsel for leading names in pharmaceuticals and defense, among many others. **Glen Summers** is praised for being “able to simplify the issues and synthesize the case into something manageable and understandable” for clients. Summers is experienced in handling IP, product liability, employment and antitrust cases across the country.

CORPORATE/M&A

Corporate/M&A
Leading Firms
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Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP
Leading Individuals
Senior Statesmen: distinguished older partners
Palenchar James <i>Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP</i>
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Stephens Thomas <i>Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP</i>
Band 3
Morrill Rob <i>Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP</i>

Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP

What the team is known for Compact team that demonstrates prowess in a wide range of transactional matters. Offers experience in corporate governance and regulatory issues and is frequently engaged by local and national clients for work involving leveraged buyouts. Broad client base includes private equity firms and insurance companies.

Strengths Clients praise the “excellent client service” they get from the firm, with one source calling the team “efficient, expeditious and fair.”

Work highlights Represented Sessa Capital in its proxy contest with Ashford Hospitality Prime.

Significant clients Cheyenne Capital, Gaia, Gotham Asset Management, Caltius Mezzanine, Wildcat Minerals.

Notable practitioners

Rob Morrill is a “very technically strong” corporate attorney with a substantial private equity practice. He regularly advises clients on M&A deals and leveraged buyouts. **Thomas Stephens** is commended for “his incredible securities law experience” and known to be “just as good a business adviser as he is a lawyer.” He advises clients on a range of corporate and transactional matters from private fund formation to compliance and M&A. **James Palenchar** is a highly experienced transactional lawyer with extensive knowledge of M&A, governance and SEC regulatory issues. He advises a diverse client base and has over four decades of experience in the field.