

Matthew Felwick

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Biography

Matthew is a disputes Partner in the Global Product Law practice and is co-chair of our London life sciences team. Whether advising a life science company facing a group action in England, or helping a global product manufacturer work through claims across Europe, Matthew's extensive experience of complex, cross-border litigation means he gets the commercial context and quickly finds the best solution.

Matthew focusses on product liability and commercial disputes in the pharmaceutical, biotech and medical devices industries. He is also experienced in the manufacturing, oil and gas, tobacco and consumer goods sectors. Matthew helped one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies defend product liability claims and navigate a regulatory investigation following the voluntary withdrawal of a blockbuster product and he defended a global manufacturer to claims across a number of jurisdictions following the supply of products to customers in the life sciences sector. He is currently advising a biotech client on a claim against a CRO regarding the conduct of a large-scale multi-centre Phase III clinical trial.

Matthew has specialist experience required to defend clients from collective actions, having acted in a number of high profile Group Actions in the High Court relating to Vioxx, Blood Products, All Metal Hips and Niger Delta Oil Spills. He regularly gives litigation and risk management advice to global companies including



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Practices

Business and Human Rights

Commercial

Commercial Litigation

Health

Litigation Services

Medical Device and Technology
Regulatory

Products Law

Technology Litigation

Blockchain and DLT

Industries

Automotive

Consumer

Energy and Natural Resources

in respect of coronial inquests, regulatory investigations and prosecutions and crisis management.

Matthew is described as 'a rising star' who 'combines sharp intelligence with a strong commercial awareness' by Legal 500 2017 where he is recognised for both Product Liability: defendant and Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology. Matthew is also recognised as one of the leading product lawyers in the UK by Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence 2017.

Representative experience

Representing a global medical device manufacturer defending product liability claims for allegedly defective hip implants

Assisting with the response to a regulatory investigation into a global pharmaceutical company's systems and processes following the voluntary withdrawal of a drug

Assisting with the defence of an international tobacco group in various jurisdictions, including managing a large-scale outsourced disclosure exercise

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 - International Products Law Review, May 2021
- Analysis
 - Data class actions guide
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - What's next for representative actions in the EU and UK? Hogan Lovells speaks at BIICL
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Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Class Actions and Group Litigation
Clinical Trials
Consumer Protection and Privacy
Digital Health
E-discovery and Information Management
Medical Devices
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
Product Compliance
Product Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

B.Sc., University of Edinburgh
LPC, Oxford Institute of Legal Practice
Pg.D.L., The College of Law, Guildford

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