

## Charles Abbott Selected as 2017 Top Lawyer by New Orleans Magazine

Congratulations to Charles Abbott selected as a "2017 Top Lawyer" by New Orleans Magazine. Charles was recognized as a top lawyer in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions.

Charles Abbott, based in our New Orleans office, has been litigating toxic tort matters in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas his entire career. In addition to leading the management of large dockets of asbestos cases on behalf of both premises and products defendants, including a Fortune 100 chemical company and Fortune 500 electronics company (that had been heavily involved in the printing and paper industries), he has been flagged by clients to assist with or lead trial teams in toxic tort matters in some of the most notorious "judicial hellholes," ranging from a silica trial in Beaumont, Texas, dioxin trials in Jones County, Mississippi, an asbestos trial in Dallas County, Texas, and numerous asbestos trials in Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

His most recent asbestos case success was a *Daubert* challenge before Judge Mark Davidson, the pre-trial judge in the Texas state asbestos MDL court, which resulted in a partial limitation/exclusion of Plaintiff's key expert. The court's ruling on the eve of trial subsequently led to a favorable settlement of this extremely difficult confirmed mesothelioma case in which our client was the sole defendant. Through his extensive courtroom presence in Louisiana, Charles has gained the respect of members of the bar, on both the Plaintiff and Defense side, as well as developed genuine and professional relationships with many members of the state and federal judiciary.

In addition to his extensive asbestos practice and experience, Charles currently serves as national counsel for four (4) separate clients in connection with their silica litigation, national counsel for another client in connection with its benzene and butadiene litigation, and serves as lead defense liaison counsel on behalf of a Fortune 100 company in connection with a putative class action filed in Orleans Parish, Louisiana in a case involving allegations of improper sterilization of medical devices at a local hospital.