

## **Troutman Sanders Ranks 5<sup>th</sup> In Product Liability Defense**

Troutman Sanders LLP recently ranked fifth out of 300 of the most frequently hired law firms representing companies in product liability lawsuits last year, according to Law360's 2007 Litigation Almanac survey.

The Law360 Litigation Almanac is a quantitative analysis of business litigation trends in the United States. It pays particular attention to trends in practice areas, industries, and other rankings of law firms and companies.

For this year's survey, firm rankings were based on the number of times they were hired to represent a client, regardless of the importance, work involved, proposed damages, or eventual settlements or awards to be received at trial. According to IP360 staff research of federal court dockets, Troutman Sanders represented clients in 620 cases that involved allegations of harmful or defective products.

Of particular interest this year was that the survey stated defense firms across the country dealt with an increase in cases as a result of litigation involving the anti-inflammatory drug Vioxx, cardiac implant devices and the carcinogenic compound Benzene, which is found in gas, paints and solvents.

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