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Associate



Haile is a litigation associate in the firm's Philadelphia office. His practice focuses on class action, mass tort and complex commercial litigation involving consumer protection, antitrust and pharmaceutical injury.

Selected Representations

- Represented plaintiffs in MDL against **Syngenta AG**, a Swiss agrochemical giant, for premature commercialization of genetically modified strains of corn known as Agrisure Viptera and Duracade. Plaintiffs were awarded **\$217.7 million** in compensatory damages in a Kansas class-wide trial, leading to a preliminary nationwide settlement of **\$1.5 billion** announced in September 2017. Involvement included substantial discovery responsibilities including direct communication with bellwether plaintiffs, drafting discovery responses, and assistance with deposition.

- Represented plaintiffs in MDL against **Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc.**, a subsidiary of **Johnson & Johnson**, regarding claims concerning defective design, failure to warn, and unfair and deceptive trade practices concerning their ASR hip implant product, resulting in an almost **\$3 billion settlement**. Involvement included discovery and assisting in preparation of corporate witness depositions.
- Represented plaintiffs in MDL against **Merck & Co.**, specifically the drug **Vioxx**, for product liability claims involving increased cardiovascular side effects and a lack of adequate physician and consumer warning. Involvement included discovery, including overseeing of document review process and management of depository.

Bar Admissions

Maryland
Pennsylvania
Washington, DC

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1999
B.A., University of Maryland, 1995

Practices

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