

SUMMARY JUDGMENT GRANTED

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Scott Haworth and Dean Tsanatelis obtained summary judgment in a product liability case pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. In Plaintiff v. Product Manufacturer, plaintiff claimed personal injuries arising from an allegedly exploding blender which has been the subject of hundreds of cases around the country. Consistent with many other plaintiffs in many similar cases, Ms. Hoff testified to events inconsistent with the operation of the

product such that her claims were scientifically implausible. We moved to preclude plaintiff's liability experts as his multiple design defect theories did not fit the facts testified to by Ms. Hoff at her deposition and two of the theories were untested and inadmissible under Daubert. The court agreed with our criticism of plaintiff's expert's testing methodology and held that absent admissible expert testimony, the complaint must be dismissed.



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Scott Haworth, the firm's Managing Partner, has spent his career defending and trying matters involving product liability, construction and intentional torts, as well as complex catastrophic injury matters involving fire, transportation and other accident modes. Mr. Haworth has also resolved numerous matters involving environmental and toxic tort claims such as those involving asbestos, mold, lead and various environmental hazards. His practice includes class actions, multi-district litigations, commercial and insurance-related matters.



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