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**Areas of Concentration**

Mr. Clines is a partner in the products liability group of Hughes Hubbard & Reed. He handles a broad range of complex civil and criminal litigation, including products liability defense, securities litigation, white collar crime and commercial litigation. He is an accomplished and recognized legal strategist and brief writer who, over a 20-year career, has devised and drafted scores of written submissions to state and federal court, the SEC and FINRA. Mr. Clines has represented major U.S. and international manufacturers, banks, and accounting firms, among other clients. He currently heads the legal team in the defense of a multi-defendant products liability class action in West Virginia state court.

**Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of NY
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

**Highlighted Matters**

- Defense of chemical manufacturer in West Virginia products liability class action brought by asymptomatic coal preparation workers seeking medical monitoring. Responsibilities include drafting of major defense briefs and taking/defending expert depositions.
- Defended Merrill Lynch analyst accused of fraudulently recommending Tyco stock. First-chaired the FINRA arbitration and drafted all post-hearing briefs in complete defense victory.
- Defended prominent Wall Street economist and former *Drexel Burnham* officer in fraud and RICO actions brought by federal

**Practice Groups and Other Information**

Litigation  
Product Liability & Toxic Torts  
Professional Liability  
Securities Litigation  
White Collar Crime & Corporate Compliance

**Education Information**

University of Virginia, B.A., 1987  
William & Mary Law School, J.D., 1990

**Bar Admissions**

Virginia, 1990  
District of Columbia, 1992  
New York, 2001

government and investors, including drafting of all legal briefs in civil, criminal and bankruptcy cases emanating from the allegations.

- On behalf of *Barclays Bank*, drafted motion to dismiss \$150 million federal civil fraud action similar to those advanced in the Bank of New York-Russian money laundering case. Plaintiff dismissed Barclays from the action rather than respond to the motion.
- Represented metals trading business in post-Enron collapse litigation with Phelps Dodge concerning competing ownership claims to copper shipments.
- Co-managed defense of \$50 million contract claim brought against Wall Street brokerage firm, including drafting of successful motion for summary judgment and Second Circuit appeal, which resulted in complete dismissal of case.
- Defended medical device manufacturer against FDA claims of distributing potentially tainted bloodlines for dialysis treatments, including tracking national supplies of bloodlines in connection with emergency injunction requests.
- Defended *Corning Incorporated* against EPA allegations of improper air emissions from manufacturing plant.
- Assisted in defense of *Texaco Inc.* in complex profit/loss sharing dispute against Louisiana oil exploration company.
- Successfully defended head of state medical association in antitrust and unfair competition trial in federal court brought by surgeon denied hospital privileges.
- Drafted U.S. Supreme Court *Amicus brief* for Government of Colombia defending that country's interpretation of international comity.
- Drafted motion to dismiss complaint against the former governor of Arizona in action involving allegedly fraudulent real estate development project.