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Michael Pichini is a partner with Goodell DeVries. His practice is concentrated in civil litigation with an emphasis on product liability defense. His practice also includes mass toxic torts, lead paint, construction litigation, and subrogation matters. In the products field, Michael deals regularly with pharmaceutical products and industrial minerals. He has participated in product liability and personal injury trials in California and Maryland in state and federal courts. He has also practiced in numerous state and federal jurisdictions on a *pro hac vice* basis, conducting discovery, motions practice, and general trial preparation. Before practicing law, Michael held a number of positions in the insurance industry dealing with property and casualty claims as well as multi-tiered risk management.

Michael currently acts as national coordinating counsel for an international industrial mineral producer involved in mass tort litigation across several states. As a result of his aggressive defense strategy including discovery, expert retention, trial preparation, and trial in over 20 jurisdictions in both state and federal courts, he has effectuated a dramatic reduction in the number of these cases over an eight-year period.

Michael is a member of the firm's pharmaceutical defense team and has been involved with nationwide discovery and defense strategy in past and current pharmaceutical litigation.

He has successfully achieved favorable resolution through trial and negotiation of numerous asbestos cases pending in Maryland state and various federal courts, including federal multidistrict litigation.

Practice Areas

- Product Liability
- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation
- General Tort Liability Litigation

Court Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Education

- San Francisco Law School (J.D., 1995)
- University of Pittsburgh (B.A., 1986)

Professional Associations

- American Association for Justice
- The Justinian Society
- The Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc.
- Maryland State Bar Association

Professional Experience

- Goodell DeVries – Partner (2007-Present), Associate (2000-2007)
- Pfeifer & Fabian, P.A., Baltimore, MD – Associate (1998-2000)
- State Farm Insurance, Oaks, PA – Adjuster (1997-1998)
- Brayton Purcell, LLP, Novato, CA – Associate (1996)
- The Honorable Raymond J. Arata, Jr., San Francisco Superior Court – Extern (1995-1996)

Representative Matters

Michael acted as the state court liaison trial counsel for commercial plaintiffs in a complex subrogation matter involving local, state and federal entities and private businesses. The case resulted from water damage caused by a chemical explosion and subsequent fire along a major Northeast rail line. He was responsible for coordinating plaintiffs' discovery and aggressively pursuing access to the witnesses, locations and instrumentalities involved in the claimed loss.

He represents the interests of local property owners sued in lead paint cases in Maryland and has successfully defended these clients on numerous occasions.

Selected Reported Cases

- *Beverlee Barthel, Personal Representative of the Estate of William L. Goulart, Sr., et al. v. ACandS, Inc., et al.*, (Md. App. 2002)
- *Kamara, et al. v. Edison Brothers Apparel Stores, Inc., et al.*, 765 A.2d 1005 (Md. App. 2001)
- *Baltimore Gas and Electric Company v. Alcore, Inc.*, (Md. App. 2001)

Publications and Seminars

- Jeffrey J. Hines, Esq. and Michael A. Pichini, Esq., "[Silica Tort Reform – A National Overview](#)," Harris Martin Publishing, Columns – Silica, Sept. 2005, Vol. 3, No. 12, at 2.