

Automotive and Manufacturing Law

Clark Hill has provided breakthrough counsel at the center of the automotive world for more than a century. Within the steel and sweat of an emerging Detroit in 1890, we hung our first shingle and quickly became known throughout the region as the go-to automotive firm. We have not looked in the rearview mirror since.

We forged ahead like so many hardworking automotive manufacturers, suppliers, dealers and distributors with a relentless commitment to delivering. We've navigated steadfastly through the industry's hills and curves of ever-changing consumer demands, production volume shifts and increasing government regulations—challenges that make the automotive industry so unique and demanding.

We are the destination for mission-critical, highly specialized issues ranging from labor disputes and supplier contracts to product liability and automotive recalls.

Whether you're a multinational manufacturer, a family-owned car dealership, a national parts distributor, or a small tier-two parts supplier, we will help you navigate the road ahead with clarity and confidence.

We have assembled a global team of former automotive executives, manufacturers, suppliers, and general counsel to provide clients with best-in-class service and an unmatched level of experience. Our team, approach and firm framework ensure client responsiveness with speed and precision to every automotive legal matter.

We continue to lead and serve clients in all aspects of automotive matters, including:

- Warranty cost allocation arrangements
- Directed supplier arrangements
- Purchase order terms and conditions
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regulations and investigations, including those involving the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act
- NHTSA recall and product liability issues
- Product liability lawsuits
- Domestic and international mergers and acquisitions
- Joint ventures
- Distribution arrangements
- Supplier and customer workouts and bankruptcies
- Intellectual property arrangements and trademark infringement claims
- General commercial arrangements
- Resolution of warranty disputes between suppliers and auto manufacturers
- National case management
- Preferences
- Terms & conditions
- Capabilities in Manufacturing and Beyond

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The automotive industry is deeply connected to the manufacturing world. These integrated sectors continue to evolve and expand alongside the rapid growth of the service sector and the green economy. With our heritage of achieving results, we provide comprehensive litigation, transaction and regulatory services critical to the daily operation of manufacturing companies.

Our proven experience helps manufacturers keep their focus on their core business. With attorneys and professionals who have led manufacturing and engineering businesses, We are a vital partner for manufacturing clients in labor and employment law, government regulations, risk management, real estate, contract preparation, corporate governance, succession planning, finance, litigation, mergers, and sales.



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