



**JOHN M. FITZPATRICK**

**Partner**

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**John “Fitz” Fitzpatrick has tried over 220 cases to verdict in more than 40 states, winning defense verdicts in the vast majority of them. He is a true generalist trial lawyer, having won for sophisticated clients in major trials across a broad range of industries. Fitz is one of only three lawyers in the nation specifically ranked by Chambers USA for asbestos toxic torts.**

*"He is an outstanding lawyer in the courtroom, which puts fear into plaintiffs' attorneys when they see that he's entering a case."*

*—Client comment to Chambers USA 2018*

**EDUCATION**

Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 1981, *cum laude*

United States Military Academy, West Point, B.S., 1974

**GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

United States Army

Major, Airborne

Ranger, Prosecutor, Senior Trial Attorney,

1974-1988

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

LeClair Ryan, P.C., 1996-2006

Wright, Robinson, Ostheimer &

Tatum, 1988-1995

**ADMISSIONS**

Colorado

Indiana

Virginia

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Won for Evenflo in a \$15 million federal failure-to-warn trial.
- Won a defense verdict for a hospital and its doctors in a \$19 million Wyoming medical malpractice lawsuit.
- Won a defense verdict in a high-exposure trial involving an explosive accident between two semi trucks.
- Won a complete defense jury verdict in an asbestos wrongful death case in Philadelphia.
- Won a complete defense verdict for Allstate Insurance Company in an insurance bad faith case in federal court in Colorado.
- WTO obtains unanimous defense verdict for Evenflo in a two-week federal product liability trial.
- Successfully defended the appeal of a 2010 jury verdict for AT&T.

**INDUSTRIES**

- Asbestos
- Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals
- Healthcare
- Construction & Engineering
- Professional Services

**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment
- Environmental Litigation
- Mass Torts
- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Personal Injury Defense
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Toxic Torts
- Investigations & Compliance