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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 federal whistleblower trial, including punitive damages, against a defense contractor responsible for security investigation services at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.
- 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.

INDUSTRIES

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

PRACTICE AREAS

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