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"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

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

District of Columbia

Indiana

Virginia

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.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won a jury verdict for Foster Wheeler in a highly watched \$63 million federal asbestos trial in Boston.
- Won a Texas defense verdict in a \$20 million personal injury trial.
- Served as lead trial counsel to a leading Las Vegas transportation company for the defense of high-stakes motor vehicle accidents.
- Won dismissal with prejudice for a trucking company in a case involving catastrophic injuries after WTO discovered that the plaintiff intentionally withheld medical records.
- Secured a "walk away" dismissal of a multimillion-dollar underinsured-motorist lawsuit for bad faith and punitive damages. One month before trial, the plaintiffs agreed to drop the lawsuit, and the client paid nothing.
- During the appeal of an adverse verdict in a multimillion-dollar trial in which jurors were given the wrong instruction, plaintiffs offered to settle 11 mesothelioma cases for six figures total, just to get WTO out of ongoing litigation involving other defendants.
- Obtained midtrial settlement—for less than the cost of defense—for Foster Wheeler in a trial that went to an eight-figure verdict against the other defendant. The plaintiff simply wanted WTO out of the case.

INDUSTRIES

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

PRACTICE AREAS

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