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The lawyers in Kaufman Dolowich's Insurance Coverage and Litigation Practice have extensive coverage and defense experience in the environmental and toxic tort fields. We represent insurance carriers and their insureds in all aspects of complex mass tort and environmental cases at the regional and national levels. Our lawyers appreciate that these types of claims typically involve large numbers of plaintiffs which can put our clients at risk for substantial exposure and liability. When mass tort or environmental claims surface, we work closely with our clients to develop strategies aimed at resolving the matter in the quickest and most economically viable manner possible.

### Handling Complex Disputes at the National Level

Our attorneys regularly defend clients in mass tort and environmental claims brought on behalf of individuals and entities located throughout the United States. Our legal team has prepared numerous coverage opinions and coverage position letters addressing underlying first and third-party asbestos, silica, toxic mold, welding rod fumes and other mass and toxic tort claims. Kaufman Dolowich lawyers were intimately involved in the aftermath of our nation's 9/11 tragedy and the related claims and lawsuits that arose from the collapse of the World Trade Center Twin Towers. Our Firm handles large-scale environmental claims, including coverage disputes arising in Superfund cases.

Kaufman Dolowich lawyers are recognized for their ability to accurately assess complex insurance coverage issues and disputes. We pride ourselves in providing our clients with timely and comprehensive coverage opinions and recommendations regarding the scope and availability of insurance coverage. Our organic approach to policy analysis ensures that our insurer-clients have the complete information they need to make the best coverage determinations in high-exposure mass tort and environmental claims.

### Early Dispute Resolution

Mass tort and environmental coverage disputes are often highly complex, involving multiple matters such as issues relating to triggers of coverage, policy allocation, horizontal vs. vertical policy exhaustion, and application of the "Absolute Pollution Exclusion" and the general "Pollution Exclusion." Cognizant of the potential costs and disruptions associated with this type of litigation, the attorneys at Kaufman Dolowich seek opportunities to resolve these matters as early on as possible. We are strong negotiators who work with all parties in the case to reach a favorable resolution for our clients. However, when a coverage dispute cannot be effectively settled through the negotiation process, our environmental lawyers are fully prepared to litigate the matter in court. Our team of seasoned trial attorneys knows how to craft a successful litigation plan in high-stakes mass tort and environmental cases.