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Areas of Concentration

- > Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) compliance
- > State consumer product safety and chemical composition laws
- > Products liability counseling and litigation
- > Product labeling and warnings

David Callet provides comprehensive client representation on all aspects of consumer product safety compliance. He guides clients on how to create and implement product safety compliance programs that reduce product recalls, limit products liability litigation, and help protect their valuable brands from adverse publicity associated with non-compliance with product safety requirements. He regularly represents clients in matters involving the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), including:

- > compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), including the creation of CPSC-mandated Reasonable Testing Programs;
- > determining when a “substantial product hazard” exists and when a duty to file a Section 15(b) report with the CPSC arises;
- > implementing a U.S. or world-wide recall of a product with a minimum of business disruption, when a recall is required;
- > preventing a recall or other product safety compliance matter from becoming a public relations issue or leading to products liability litigation;
- > CPSC civil penalty proceedings and related matters; and
- > rights and obligations when a product safety complaint about a client’s product is filed in the CPSC Product Safety Database (Saferproducts.gov).

David also counsels clients on compliance with state consumer product safety and chemical composition laws, especially California’s Proposition 65, and product safety labeling and warnings. He frequently speaks and writes on all aspects of product safety.

David’s extensive experience in trying products liability and other cases enables him to help clients be proactive in avoiding litigation. As a former Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig and Partner at Akin Gump, he represented numerous global manufacturing, medical device, utility, insurance and other corporations in complex toxic tort and products liability litigation.

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Professional and Community Involvement

- > Vice Chair, American Bar Association's Consumer Products Regulatory Committee
- > Member, District of Columbia Bar

Recent Speeches on CPSC Regulatory, Product Safety and Product Chemical Composition Issues

- > "The ABCs of Product Safety Regulatory Compliance," Orange County, CA, October 25, 2016
- > "The ABCs of Product Safety Regulatory Compliance," New York, NY, October 18, 2016
- > "Complying with CPSC Requirements, While Protecting Commercial Relationships," Saint Louis University, John Cook School of Business, Advanced Product Safety Management Course, St. Louis, MO, September 28, 2016
- > "Product Safety—Protect Your Company's Valuable Assets," *Sourcing Journal*, Apparel Regulation Education Workshop, New York, NY, June 15, 2016
- > "Understanding Regulatory Challenges—To Meet Compliance Requirements" New York, NY, April 13, 2015
- > CPSC Enforcement, Product Recalls and Civil Penalties and U.S. State Chemical Requirements, Canadian Apparel Federation Webinar, March 6, 2016
- > CPSC Enforcement, Product Recalls and Civil Penalties and U.S. State Chemical Requirements, Canadian Apparel Federation Seminar, Toronto, Canada, January 14, 2016
- > Complex Changes Ahead—A Guide to Sorting Through Changing Regulatory Requirements" New York, NY, November 17, 2015
- > "You Need a Product Safety Compliance Program, Learn Why," Promotional Products Industry's Quality Certification Alliance Webinar, November 9, 2015
- > "The Path to Successful Compliance," Saint Louis University, John Cook School of Business, Advanced Product Safety Management Course, St. Louis, MO, September 30, 2015
- > "Responding to Regulatory Demands. What to do. What not to do," American Apparel and Footwear Association Product Safety and Compliance Seminar, New York, NY, May 28, 2015
- > "'The Times They Are A-Changing,' The Regulatory Landscape is Rapidly Changing, Will you be Ready?" New York, NY, April 7, 2015
- > ICPHSO, "Compliance Programs for Monitoring Product Safety Incidents," February 25, 2015
- > "Avoid Unpleasant Surprises by Developing a Solid Compliance Strategy," New York, NY, October 14, 2014
- > "Takeaways from the Buckyballs and 'Company Doe' Cases," American Apparel and Footwear Product Safety Council Meeting, Washington, D.C., July 29, 2014
- > "Successfully Preparing for and Navigating a Product Recall," American Apparel and Footwear Association Product Safety and Compliance Seminar, New York, NY, May 28, 2014
- > "Consumer Product Safety, Spring Training for Compliance: Hit a Home Run with Your Strategy," New York, NY, April 7, 2014; Los Angeles, CA, May 14, 2014

- > CPSC's New Rules and Enforcement Strategies, A Guide for Staying Out of Trouble," Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America, Product Safety Workshop, Long Beach, CA, October 22, 2013
- > "Consumer Product Safety: Strategies for Compliance in a Changing Environment," New York, NY, October 17, 2013
- > "Product Safety Requirements, What Do They Mean for Your Company?" Promotional Products Association International, Product Safety Summit, Chicago, IL, August 15, 2013
- > "Consumer Product Safety — Strategies for Keeping Costs and Brand Value on Target," New York, NY, April 17, 2013
- > "California Prop. 65 and Other State Product Safety Requirements," Promotional Products Association International Product Safety Summit, New Orleans, LA, August 15, 2012

Articles

- > ["Safe Products Sell—Beat the Clock on Chemical Regulations,"](#) *PPPAI Journal*, August 2016
- > ["Product Safety Compliance—Sometimes Good Intentions Aren't Enough,"](#) *PPPAI Journal*, July 2016
- > ["Five Steps For Compliance With Consumer Product Safety Standards,"](#) *Sourcing Journal*, May 11, 2016
- > ["The CPSC Takes a New, Hard Line: How to Create a Strong Product Safety Compliance Program,"](#) (Final in a Two-Part Series), *PPPAI Journal*, July 2014
- > ["A Wake-Up Call: Without A Product Safety Compliance Program, Your Company is At Risk,"](#) (First in a Two-Part Series), *PPPAI Journal*, June 2014
- > ["A New 'Must-Do' for Children's Products Importers and Domestic Manufacturers: A CPSC-Compliant Product Testing and Certification Program,"](#) *GT Alert*, June 14, 2012

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, The George Washington University Law School

B.A., Pennsylvania State University

Admitted to Practice

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