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RICK MEADOW MANAGES THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE LANIER Law Firm. For nearly 25 years, he has handled high-stakes civil litigation in courtrooms across the country. As head of The Lanier Law Firm's Pharmaceutical Litigation Division, Meadow and firm founder Mark Lanier led the trial team that secured the nation's first plaintiff's verdict against pharmaceutical giant Merck over the popular pain medication Vioxx. His pioneering efforts in that case and others helped pave the way for a national multibillion-dollar settlement for all Vioxx plaintiffs.

Meadow's work on behalf of thousands of injured individuals and their loved ones includes cases involving pharmaceuticals, defective medical devices, asbestos exposure, construction defects, motor vehicle and trucking injuries, antitrust, intellectual property and medical malpractice. Also, his pharmaceutical litigation expertise has resulted in Meadow's appointment to numerous plaintiffs' steering committees in state and national litigation involving prescription drugs.

"The goal for my practice is one that I am privileged to share with all of the attorneys and staff at our firm: to represent injured individuals who are unable to defend their own interests and rights," says Meadow, a Manhattan resident and native New Yorker. "Early in my career, I represented insurance companies but soon realized my true passion—protecting the rights of working people and their families. My diverse experience plays a huge role in getting clients' cases resolved effectively and efficiently, most often without the time and trouble of having to go to trial."

With more than 25 cases successfully tried to verdict, Meadow brings a rare level of courtroom experience to his practice. In the past seven years alone, *The National Law Journal* has recognized Meadow three different times based on his work in cases ranked among the top verdicts in the nation.

Meadow is an active member and serves on the Board of Directors of the New York State Trial Lawyer's Association (NYSTLA). He also is an active member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ, formerly Association of Trial Lawyers of America), and recently testified before the U.S. Congress at the group's request. Meadow is licensed to practice in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania in addition to numerous state and federal jurisdictions, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

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