

Frances A. Tomes

Frances Tomes, a partner of the firm, is a member of the Bar in New Jersey and New York. She has been practicing law for over 19 years. She previously worked at Subin Associates in New York City, Garruto, Galex & Cantor, and Galex, Tortoreti & Tomes. She handles general civil litigation, including medical malpractice claims, pharmaceutical claims, toxic tort, and asbestos litigation. She was one of three trial attorneys representing plaintiffs in the first multi-plaintiff trial in asbestos litigation resulting in a combined verdict of over \$1 million. She's also handled numerous other multi-plaintiff litigations.

Ms. Tomes has litigated as co-lead counsel consumer product class actions that have generated large settlements for consumers nationwide. In *Extensis, Inc. v. Hewlett-Packard Company*, Ms. Tomes was co-lead counsel in a consumer fraud class action that resulted in a settlement valued at over \$140 million in rebate certificates and repair kits for purchasers of certain defective HP LaserJet printers. She was lead counsel in *Pisano v. Peg Perego*, a class action that resulted in repairs to strollers that did not fold, and *Gutelkov v. Buy Buy Baby*, a class action for over payment of taxes by customers. She is also co-lead counsel in numerous of other pending class actions.

She is a member of the Board of Governors of ATLA-NJ (the Association of Trial Lawyers of America – New Jersey) and a member of the Bad Faith Committee for ATLA-NJ, which strives for insurance reform in New Jersey and to combat abuses by the insurance industry as well as the Judiciary Committee which serves as the liaison between lawyers and judges.

She is also a member of the Education Committee for ATLA-NJ which designs seminars for attorney continuing education. Ms. Tomes is also a member of the Committee on Auto Reparations of the New Jersey State Bar Association which supports victims of automobile accidents. Ms. Tomes has also lectured on insurance bad faith claims, and maintaining effective case management of discovery deadlines.

She also serves as the plaintiff liaison counsel in the New Jersey Bextra Litigation.