

Nanotechnology Group Capability Statement

The Mayer Brown Nanotechnology Group

The Mayer Brown Nanotechnology Group stands at the vanguard of legal and scientific development. Mayer Brown was one of the first law firms to understand the needs and possibilities of this nascent industry and, in response, established the Mayer Brown Nanotechnology Group. Through client work and voluntary participation the Group contributes to the creation of a legal environment conducive to the effective and safe commercialization of nanotechnology related products. Furthermore, the Mayer Brown Nanotechnology Group has established itself as one of the leading nanotechnology practices, offering an integrated “one-stop-shop” for all nanotechnology related legal issues. Our team includes leading legal practitioners and recognized scientific experts in an array of different fields.

CORE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Our core areas of expertise are:

- **Product Regulatory Compliance:** With strong links to relevant US and EU institutions and public bodies, our Nanotechnology Group advises clients on the formation of US and EU regulation vis-à-vis nanotechnology products and the application and enforcement of existing regulatory requirements. We advise clients on obtaining regulatory clearances for products pre placement on the market and provide counseling and advice on prevention of market access and obstacles to free trade. We also advise on product labeling, classification and packaging issues.

- **Product safety management and control:** Where breach of contractual and/or legal requirements issues arise, we assist in defense of claims, limitation of liability and legal-crisis management issues. In particular, we assist clients with product recall and product safety alerts.
- **Legislative development:** Building on our pro bono project to develop a legal environment which fosters the development and commercial exploitation of safe nano products, we assist in the development of a suitable regulatory framework for nano products both at the international level (through The Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC) and the International Risk Governance Council (IRGC)) and at EU level. We contribute to shaping the emerging regulatory environment, both in the US and the EU, to safeguard innovation and development of non and/or low risk nano-products, actively participating in nano-related public debate through conferences and different publications.
- **Litigation and insurance & re-insurance:** Given Mayer Brown's particular experience in the field of product safety litigation (particularly concerning the 'asbestos' claims), the Nanotechnology Group benefits from substantial knowledge in related industries which has significantly strengthened its ability to deliver practical solutions to risk assessment issues, and associated insurance and reinsurance aspects. Our Nanotechnology Group also advises clients in all areas of litigation and dispute resolution.
- **Intellectual Property:** The Nanotechnology Group supports clients on all aspects of intellectual property protection, defense and infringement.

INDUSTRY FOCUS

The Mayer Brown Nanotechnology Group is a member of the Nanotechnology Industries' Association (NIA). Members of the Mayer Brown Nanotechnology Group advise clients active in the following sectors:

- Food contact and packaging
- Insurance and reinsurance
- Cosmetics
- Childcare products and toys
- Medical devices
- Industrial products
- Chemicals and petrochemicals
- Defense and security applications

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