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The Girardi & Keese lawyers named to the 2007 *Super Lawyers*® - *Rising Stars* edition exemplify those qualities.

The broad range of cases that Amanda McClintock handles—from products liability to bad faith—gives her remarkable versatility. She demonstrates tremendous aplomb and a passionate drive to vindicate her clients' rights.

Andre Sherman's instinctive grasp of the key issues in each case characterize his career at Girardi & Keese. This strength makes him a huge asset to his clients in toxic tort and complex personal injury cases.

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Shahram Shayesteh has made a name for himself as an outstanding legal writer with a flair for simplifying complicated legal issues. He provides outstanding legal work and top-flight advice to his clients.

Rigorous analytical skill is the hallmark of Vincent Carter's legal career. Whether he battles petro chemical companies over wholesale pollution of communities or takes pharmaceutical companies to task for their defective products, he is a tenacious and effective advocate.

Keith Griffin epitomizes Girardi & Keese's dedication to zealous advocacy and its reputation for creative and relentless legal work.

Griffin has worked on a series of complicated and high-stakes cases that have resulted in large settlements and even larger verdicts.

Graham LippSmith has great legal acumen and outstanding judgment. He is a quick study, and he brought enthusiasm and remarkable insight into several cases that have had national significance.

Shawn McCann excels in the art of advocacy and knows that it takes hard work and preparation to make advocacy effective. His early courtroom experience and his natural instinct for a winning argument make him an asset to the firm.

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