



Products Liability

We practice at the forefront of some of the most influential and high-stakes products litigation in the country. No matter the product involved or the complexity of the litigation, our products liability attorneys provide creative, skilled, and cost-effective advocacy for our clients. (For specialty areas, please visit our asbestos/talc and pharmaceuticals/medical device pages.)

Our Products Liability Group is especially suited for and experienced in handling complex and high exposure cases in some of the most litigious jurisdictions in the United States: the Illinois counties of Cook, Madison, and St. Clair and the City of St. Louis, Missouri. We practice regionally in all state and federal courts throughout Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana and serve as national counsel for certain clients. From defending products liability class actions to guiding manufacturers through their very first products liability lawsuit, our talented team of litigators have amassed a long list of favorable results for our clients, including dispositive motions, favorable settlements, and trial and appellate wins.

Our experienced trial counsel, supported by a team of professionals using advanced litigation technology and resources, have a proven successful track-record defending cases involving:

- asbestos
- automobiles & tires
- chemicals (e.g., benzene, lead, and manganese)
- construction equipment
- consumer products (e.g., talcum baby powder)
- electrical equipment
- elevators
- farm equipment
- medical devices & equipment
- manufacturing & industrial production devices
- pharmaceuticals

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- recreational vehicles & boats
- tobacco

Case Results

OCTOBER 14, 2021

HeplerBroom Attorneys Help Secure Johnson & Johnson Defense Verdicts

AUGUST 12, 2015

Bozarth, Kellett, and Fears Help Obtain Defense Verdict

AUGUST 26, 2014

Noce, Bauer, and Kellett Help Obtain Favorable Judgments from Missouri Court of Appeals on Innovator Liability Issue

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Varadachari Obtains Dismissal for Client

Insights

News

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Bauer Interviewed for National Defense Attorney Podcast on How to “Balance It All”

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds New Fall Associates

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Included in Best Law Firms® 2024 Edition

AUGUST 24, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Kister Joins HeplerBroom as Associate

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

AUGUST 8, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Bushnell Joins HeplerBroom as Associate

MAY 11, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Magee Again Named to Elite List of Powerful Defense Attorneys

JUNE 8, 2021 | RECOGNITION

Magee and Noce Named to Elite List of Powerful Defense Attorneys

RELATED PRACTICES

Asbestos

Benzene

Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices

Talc

Tobacco

Toxic Tort

AUGUST 27, 2020 | FIRM NEWS

Illinois Government Responses to Covid-19 Updated 8/27/2020

AUGUST 25, 2020 | RECOGNITION

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Named Best Lawyers' 2021 "Lawyers Of The Year"

NOVEMBER 29, 2018 | RECOGNITION

Magee Named to Top 50 Lawyers in St. Louis

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 | RECOGNITION

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Ranked Among Top in the World

Publications

JUNE 30, 2022 | PUBLICATION

Sheehan Publishes Article in Law Journal

JUNE 16, 2022 | PUBLICATION

Harris Publishes Article in Manufacturing Industry Magazine

AUGUST 18, 2015 | PUBLICATION

Bauer Publishes Article on Sports-Related Concussion Litigation

JULY 26, 2012 | PUBLICATION

Hall Authors Article for *The Illinois Manufacturer Magazine*

JUNE 7, 2011 | PUBLICATION

Kaufmann and Murphy Published Article in *Illinois Bar Journal* Regarding Juror Questions

Events

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

JUNE 8, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Libbra to Moderate Toxic Tort Webinar

MARCH 6, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hall to Discuss Asbestos Issues at National Conference

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

3 HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

MAY 4, 2022 | EVENT

Magee and Hamilton Moderate State Bar Association Virtual Event

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

JUNE 17, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Kiser to Present Continuing Education Webinar on Handling Depositions

DECEMBER 10, 2020 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Hall Speaks at DRI's Asbestos Medicine Seminar

JULY 14, 2020 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

HB Attorneys Present Seminar for American Bar Association

SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Three HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles in Asbestos Conference

AUGUST 9, 2018 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Three HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles in Asbestos Conference

MARCH 20, 2018 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Bauer Speaks at FDCC Winter Meeting

Blog Posts

OCTOBER 24, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

California Appellate Court Muzzles Corporate Representative Testimony

OCTOBER 12, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

CMS Issues Long-Awaited Final Rule Imposing Civil Money Penalties for Failing to Properly Report Pursuant to Medicare Secondary Payer Obligations

JULY 25, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

Missouri Redaction Actions: A New Wilderness for Counsel and The Public

JULY 6, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

"Forum Shopping" Prevention Added to the Illinois Civil Practice Act

JUNE 30, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

U.S. Supreme Court Rules Corporations Can Be Properly Sued in State Courts Wherever Registration Statutes Provide Jurisdiction

FEBRUARY 10, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

Seventh Circuit Releases Two New Personal Jurisdiction Cases

AUGUST 19, 2022 | [BLOG](#)

3 Keys to Preparing for Corporate Representative Depositions

JULY 19, 2022 | [BLOG](#)

Illinois Bans Incineration of PFAS

MAY 10, 2022 | [BLOG](#)

Seventh Circuit Gets Specific about Non-Specific Defect Theory

OCTOBER 21, 2020 | [BLOG](#)

Products Liability Trials in the Midst of a Pandemic

JULY 30, 2020 | [BLOG](#)

Products Liability Claims and Motions for Summary Judgment

JUNE 11, 2020 | [BLOG](#)

Iowa Law Addresses Over-Naming of Defendants in Asbestos-Related Lawsuits