HEPLERBROOM LLC

APPELLATE

Overview

The firm's appellate and critical motions team is an accomplished regional practice group that manages dispositive motions, trial monitoring, post-trial matters, and appeals across the Midwest. In the past year alone, we've secured significant wins before the Illinois Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, multiple districts of the Illinois Appellate Court, and the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Broad Experience Across High-Stakes Matters

Our appellate lawyers have successfully represented clients in appeals on behalf of major municipalities, public institutions, and Fortune-ranked companies. We're frequently enlisted in high-exposure matters—from wrongful-death, catastrophic-injury, and toxic-tort litigation to complex commercial disputes and insurance defense. Our longstanding relationships within state and federal appellate communities give us practical insight into how arguments are received, and we routinely conduct internal moot courts to refine every presentation.

A Distinctive Approach to Appellate Advocacy

What sets our appellate and critical motions team apart is our belief that winning on appeal requires more than rigorous legal analysis. Successful appellate advocacy also demands compelling storytelling—an ability to transform a record into a narrative that not only presents powerful legal arguments but also resonates emotionally with appellate justices. Because trial counsel is often too close to the case, our appellate lawyers bring a fresh, strategic perspective—whether we handled the trial ourselves or are brought in afterward—identifying the factual and legal issues with the highest likelihood of success and crafting briefs that illuminate the case in a new light.

Amicus, Emergency, and Alternative-Resolution Capabilities

Clients regularly retain us to prepare amicus briefs in appellate courts, as well as to undertake emergency appellate litigation. We also have a strong record of mediating and settling multi-million-dollar disputes on appeal.