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Mr. Broom focused his practice on trials involving practically every area of personal and bodily injury litigation, including lawsuits involving medical malpractice, products liability, and maritime law, as well as general negligence. He represented a wide variety of clients from numerous industries—such as energy/utilities, insurance companies and their insureds, telecommunications companies, a national transportation company, and so many more—during his storied career. He tried cases all over central and southern Illinois and advocated in the appellate courts on issues of first impression in Illinois jurisprudence.

He served the profession as an active member and former State President of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, National President of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, and President of the Eastern Missouri/Illinois Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (a national organization). He also served on the National Board of the Defense Research Institute and the Board of Governors of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association, as well as being a long-time member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

For most of his career, he was honored by his peers and the judiciary, both statewide and nationally, as a top skilled lawyer who practiced with the utmost integrity. Gordon Broom's contributions to the firm and the practice of law will endure in all that HeplerBroom is and will become.

His cases are now being handled by HeplerBroom senior partner Troy Bozarth. Mr. Bozarth can be reached by phone at 618-307-1124 or by email at Troy.Bozarth@heplerbroom.com.

Education:

- University of Illinois, J.D., 1969
- University of Illinois, B.A. in History, 1966

Bar Admissions:

- American Bar Foundation (life member)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (emeritus)
  - Advocate (since 1994)
  - President, Missouri/Southern Illinois Chapter (2001)
- American College of Trial Lawyers (emeritus)
  - Fellow (since 1994)
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (emeritus)
  - President (2004-2005)
  - Executive Committee (1999-2002)
  - Officer (2002-2004)
- Bar Association of the Central and Southern Federal Districts of Illinois (inactive)
- Defense Research Institute (inactive)
  - Board of Directors (2003-2006)
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
  - President (1995-1996)
  - Board of Directors (elected 1986)
- Illinois State Bar Association
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers Member (emeritus)
  - Fellow (since 2002)
- Madison County Bar Association
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association (inactive)
  - Board of Governors (representing Southern District of Illinois) (2010-2016)

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Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America (2007-2021)
    - 2016 “Lawyer of the Year” – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Defendants (State of Illinois)
- DRI Exceptional Performance Citation (1996)
- John E. Guy Award from the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel – for dedication and contribution to the trial and defense bar (June 2004)
- Illinois Super Lawyer (2005-2021)
- Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyers (2011)
- Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness, Fifth District of Illinois
- International Who’s Who of Product Liability Defence Lawyers (2016-2017)
- Top 100 Leading Lawyers of Illinois; top ten leading lawyers in Downstate Illinois (2007)
- Leading Lawyers Network (2005-2020)
    - Advisory Board Member
- Paul Harris Award, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (1990)
- Albert Cassen Community Service Award, Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce (2013)