



Larry E. Hepler focuses his practice on the defense of complex, multiparty civil cases and class actions involving a wide range of subjects, including all aspects of consumer fraud, personal injury, products liability, pharmaceutical, commercial, toxic torts, construction, and insurance litigation. He has represented clients in numerous jurisdictions, with a primary emphasis in Illinois and Missouri.

Practices:

- Class & Mass Tort Actions
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices
- Products Liability
- Tobacco
- Toxic Tort

Education:

- Washington & Lee University, J.D., magna cum laude, 1968
- Bucknell University, B.A. in Economics, 1965

Bar Admissions:

- Illinois
- Missouri
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of Illinois
- Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- American College of Trial Lawyers
- Best Lawyers in America (2007-2025)
- FDCC Lifetime Achievement Award (2025)
- Illinois Leading Lawyer (2003-2025)
- Advisory Board Member
- Featured in Leading Lawyers Network Magazine–Business Edition, “Plaintiffs’ Lawyers Need Their ‘A’ Game When Facing this Madison County Defense Attorney” (2009)
- Illinois Super Lawyer (2005-2024)
- International Who’s Who of Product Liability Defence [sic] Lawyers (2016-2017)

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- American College of Trial Lawyers
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Defense Research Institute
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
- Board of Directors
- Chair, Economics of Law Practice Substantive Law Section
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