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George A. Kiser represents clients who have been sued for toxic tort exposures—including asbestos—in high-profile, high-volume jurisdictions. He has represented hundreds of clients with asbestos cases pending in Madison, Cook, and outlying Counties in Illinois as well as St. Louis, Missouri. He has been trial counsel in asbestos cases, negotiated settlements of asbestos cases, and prepared and argued trial motions.

Before specializing in toxic tort litigation, Mr. Kiser did a two-year judicial law clerkship for the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District of Missouri. He has represented clients throughout Illinois and Missouri and has tried 30 cases to jury verdict in Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin. During his career he has handled automobile personal injury defense litigation cases, asbestos liability lawsuits, insurance coverage defense litigation cases, contract defense litigation, administrative proceedings, criminal defense, and municipal contract negotiations and oversight. He has also argued cases before the Missouri and Illinois Courts of Appeals, the Missouri Supreme Court, and the United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits.

Practices:

- Asbestos
- Products Liability
- Toxic Tort

Education:

- University of Missouri, Columbia, J.D., 1989
- University of Missouri, Columbia, B.S. in Business Administration/Administrative Management, 1984

Bar Admissions:

- Illinois
- Missouri
- United States Courts of Appeals for the
• 7th and 8th Circuits
- United States District Courts for the
• Northern, Central, and
Southern Districts of Illinois

Results

- 29 jury trials to verdict (first chair)
- 1 asbestos jury trial (second chair)
- 3 trial counsel jury trial appearances (asbestos litigation)
- 2 federal court second chair criminal jury trials (one to verdict)
- 1 state court second chair criminal trial verdict
- Assisted in 1 post-conviction, state court death penalty appeal
- 2 municipal employee defense trials (first chair) and appeals to circuit court
- 1 successful appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court
- 2 appeals to the U.S. Federal Court, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
- 2 appeals to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District
- 2 appeals to the Illinois Court of Appeals, Fifth District

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® attorneys by Martindale-Hubbell
- Illinois Leading Lawyer (2016-2025)
- Montclair's Who's Who in North America
- Lifetime Member

Professional Associations

- Defense Research Institute
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Illinois Bar Association
- Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar

- Other Professional/Civic Involvement
- South County Toastmasters International, South St. Louis County, Missouri,
- President (three times, most recently 2021)
- Backstoppers