



W. Jason Rankin focuses his practice on trials involving complex litigation matters, including class actions, pharmaceutical litigation, product liability, and insurance defense. He regularly represents clients in multi-million-dollar litigation relating to nationwide class actions and product liability claims. Mr. Rankin represents clients in both Illinois and Missouri and has obtained favorable jury verdicts and arbitration awards on behalf of the defendants.

Practices:

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

Education:

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1996
- Drake University, B.A. in English with Spanish minor, magna cum laude, 1993

Bar Admissions:

- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the
- Eastern District of Missouri
- Southern District of Illinois
- Central District of Illinois

Results

- Petition for Certiorari
- First Bank v. DJL Properties

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America (2016-2026)
- 2021 “Lawyer of the Year” – Product Liability Litigation–Defendants (St. Louis)
- Illinois Leading Lawyers (2015-2025)
- Illinois Super Lawyers (2012-2026)
- Rising Star (2011)

Professional Associations

- Defense Research Institute
- Class Action Specialized Litigation Group (Chair)
- Class Actions Seminar – Latest Developments in Law and Practice (Program Chair)
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association