



BRENDA G. BAUM

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Brenda G. Baum focuses her practice on mass tort lawsuits involving products liability. Since 2001, she has represented product manufacturers, sellers, and premises defendants in thousands of cases pending in some of the most plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions in Illinois and Missouri, in addition to overseeing cases filed in other plaintiff-oriented jurisdictions such as California, Louisiana, New York, and others.

Before joining HeplerBroom, Ms. Baum defended both individuals and corporations in various types of personal injury cases, including automobile accidents, premises liability, and construction accidents, as well as defending legal and accounting malpractice cases.

Honors

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America (2018-2026)
- Illinois Leading Lawyer (2015-2025)
- Illinois Super Lawyer (2016-2018, 2022-2025)

PRACTICES

- Asbestos
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Talc
- Toxic Tort

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the
 - Southern and Northern Districts of Illinois
 - Eastern District of Missouri

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law-St. Louis, J.D., 1988

Professional Associations

- Council for Litigation Management
 - Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Illinois Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association

- Grinnell (IA) College, B.A. in English, 1985

Other Professional/Civic Involvement

- Arbitrator, Madison County (Illinois) Court
- Volunteer, Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association Pro Bono Clinic
- Volunteer Attorney, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation

Insights

Events & Speaking Engagements

- Defense Co-Chair, HarrisMartin's Midwest Asbestos Conference (St. Louis MO, 2009-2025)
- "Secondary Exposure Cases in Illinois and Missouri," American Conference Institute's National Forum on Asbestos Claims & Litigation (Chicago IL, 2018)
- "The Case For and Against Joint Compound Manufacturers/ Distributors," Mealey's Asbestos Conference: Advanced Trial Strategies (Philadelphia PA, 2008)

News

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Baum Honored with Inclusion on 2026 Best Lawyers Lists

JANUARY 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Baum Named 2025 Illinois Super Lawyer

AUGUST 15, 2024 | RECOGNITION

Baum Honored with Inclusion on 2025 Best Lawyers Lists

JANUARY 25, 2024 | RECOGNITION

Baum Named 2024 Illinois Super Lawyer

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Baum Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists