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Kelly M. Libbra defends a diverse range of companies—from Fortune 500 companies to small, local businesses—against premises and product litigation claims. She uses her excellent oral and written advocacy skills to assist product manufacturers, premises owners, suppliers, and employers in navigating complex multi-party toxic tort cases. Her goal is to reduce her clients' exposures and resolve claims in a cost-effective manner.

By conducting thorough investigations of factual defenses and then strategically evaluating relevant legal defenses, she's obtained dismissals on behalf of her clients in numerous cases in Madison, St. Clair, Cook, and McLean Counties in Illinois; St. Louis City and St. Louis County, Missouri; and Marion County, Indiana.

When not practicing law, Ms. Libbra spends time with her husband and four daughters. She and her daughters volunteer their time for numerous charities, including Wellston Center, Kid Smart, Claver House, Safe Families for Children, and St. Martha's House.

PRACTICES

- Asbestos
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Toxic Tort

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

EDUCATION

- St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 2003
- Western Illinois University, M.S. in Experimental Psychology, *cum laude*, 2000
- Western Illinois University, B.S. in Psychology, *cum laude*, from the Honors Program with Honors, 1999

LAW SCHOOL HONORS/INVOLVEMENT

- Mock Trial

Honors

Professional Associations

- Illinois Bar Association
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
 - Chair, Toxic Tort Committee (2024-2026)
- The Missouri Bar
- Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association
 - Volunteer, Pro Bono Clinic

- Moot Court Best Brief (2002)
- *St. Louis University Law Journal*
- Health Symposium Editor
- Women Lawyers Association

Insights

Events & Speaking Engagements

- "Defending Toxic Tort Premises Cases," Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel Webinar (2023).
- "Defendant Corporate Representative Depositions in Toxic Tort Cases," Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel Webinar (2022).
- "Personal Jurisdiction: What's New?" HarrisMartin's Midwest Asbestos Litigation Conference (St. Louis MO, 2021).

JUNE 8, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Libbra to Moderate Toxic Tort Webinar

Publications

- "Survey of Toxic Tort Law Cases," *IDC 2024 Survey of Law* (2025). (Co-author)
- "The Impact of the Occupational Safety and Health Act on Asbestos Litigation," *IDC Quarterly*, Vol. 33 No. 3 (2023). (Co-author)
- "Survey of Toxic Tort Law Cases," *Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel 2022 Survey of Law* (2023). (Contributor)
- "Illinois Supreme Court Holds that the Obligation of a Tortfeasor Who Settles is Not 'Uncollectable' within the Meaning of Section 3 of the Illinois Joint Tortfeasor Contribution Act," *IDC Quarterly*, Vol. 32 No. 2 (2022).
- "Survey of Toxic Tort Law Cases," *Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel 2021 Survey of Law* (2022). (Contributor)

- "Survey of Toxic Tort Law Cases," *Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel 2020 Survey of Law* (2021). (Contributor)
- "2020 in Review: An Overview of Toxic Tort Litigation," *IDC Quarterly*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (2021). (Co-author)
- "Survey of Toxic Tort Law Cases," *Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel 2019 Survey of Law* (2020). (Contributor)
- "Ending Parents' Unlimited Power to Choose," *47 St. Louis U.L.J.* 517 (2003).
- "Who Owns America?" *46 St. Louis U.L.J.* 829 (2002).

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 | PUBLICATION

Libbra and Dmitrieva Published in State Defense Association Journal

JANUARY 30, 2025 | PUBLICATION

Libbra Publishes Column for IDC Quarterly

Blog Posts

NOVEMBER 25, 2025 | BLOG

Fake Law, Real Trouble: How One Illinois Court is Responding to Chat GPT's Hallucinated Cases

JULY 1, 2025 | BLOG

Foreign Companies, Meet Illinois Courts: Senate Bill 328

FEBRUARY 10, 2023 | BLOG

Seventh Circuit Releases Two New Personal Jurisdiction Cases

APRIL 11, 2018 | BLOG

Distributor of Electrical Conduit Owes a Duty to Wife of Consumer

News

APRIL 25, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

Libbra Attends Missouri Asian American Bar Association Dinner

NOVEMBER 11, 2022 | GIVING BACK

Libbra and Sheehan Volunteer to Assist Veterans