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Adam S. McGonigle is an experienced trial attorney who focuses his practice on defending individuals, businesses, and insurers in cases involving automobile and truck accidents, products and premises liability, insurance coverage, and asbestos, benzene, and silica exposures.

Mr. McGonigle has extensive litigation and trial experience in some of the most difficult defense jurisdictions in the country.

Results

- Secured defense verdict after 38 minutes of jury deliberations in slip-and-fall case with serious injuries. Plaintiff's demand was \$900,000.
- Obtained favorable verdict in admitted liability automobile accident case. Court awarded costs to McGonigle's client after jury returned award of only \$6,500, which was less than the pre-trial offer of judgment. Plaintiff had asked for \$100,000.
- Obtained defense verdict for dairy company in wrongful death case arising out of truck/automobile accident (second chair; Peoria County, Illinois). Plaintiff asked for \$15 million. Defense proved co-defendant truck driver was not defendant's agent.

PRACTICES

Insurance Services
Motor Vehicle Accidents
Asbestos
Benzene
Toxic Tort
First-Party Coverage
Insurance Fraud Investigation
Third-Party Coverage
Trucking & Transportation

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Courts for the
 - Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri
 - Southern District of Illinois

- Obtained court order requiring plaintiff to pay \$30,000 in defense costs in asbestos case after plaintiff sought to dismiss case on eve of trial after her expert was stricken.
- Secured favorable jury verdict in trip-and-fall case. Plaintiff asked for \$1 million. Jury returned verdict for substantially less than Plaintiff's medical bills after defense proved comparative fault.
- Secured summary judgment for insurance company in matter involving insurance policy purchased after insured's vehicle was stolen.
- Obtained favorable jury verdict in admitted liability rear-end auto accident case involving severe and permanent head injury. Plaintiff asked for \$5 million; jury returned verdict for \$150,000.

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

McGonigle and Andersson Win Summary Judgment in St. Louis Motor Vehicle Accident Case

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Court Awards Costs to HeplerBroom's Client After McGonigle Secures Reduced Verdict

DECEMBER 2, 2021

Varadachari and McGonigle Receive Favorable Verdict in Jury Trial

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Varadachari and McGonigle Earn Defense Verdict

EDUCATION

- College of William & Mary School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2013
- University of Kansas, B.A. in Political Science, 2010

LAW SCHOOL HONORS/ INVOLVEMENT

- *William & Mary Law Review*
- Lead Articles Editor

Honors

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers' list of "Ones to Watch" (2021-2026)
- Missouri Lawyers Media
 - Top Defense Wins of 2024 (Co-recipient)

Professional Associations

- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Illinois Trucking Organization
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- Missouri Trucking Organization
- St. Louis County Bar Association

- Executive Committee

Insights

Events & Speaking Engagements

JULY 17, 2025 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

McGonigle Among Featured Speakers at Chicago Insurance Claims Conference

APRIL 18, 2024 | [EVENT](#)

McGonigle Leads Panel Discussion About Settlement Values with Insurance Claims Professionals

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 | [SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

McGonigle Plays Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

Publications

- "Carriers May Reevaluate Driver-Facing Cameras After \$228M Privacy Act Verdict," *TIDA Newsletter* (1st Quarter 2023). (Co-Author)
- "Data Downloads: Evidence Defense Lawyers Must Obtain," *TIDA Newsletter* (Summer 2021). (Co-author).
- "Applying Equitable Estoppel to ERISA Pension Benefit Claims," 54 *Wm. & Mary L. Rev.* 627 (2012).

Blog Posts

FEBRUARY 28, 2023 | [BLOG](#)

Confusing Jury Instructions Create Unexpected Liability for Trucking Brokers and Shippers

FEBRUARY 4, 2021 | [BLOG](#)

Vehicle Infotainment System Data Cannot be Overlooked

AUGUST 6, 2020 | [BLOG](#)

Illinois Department of Insurance Cannot Decide Owner-Operator Employment Dispute, Appeals Court Rules

JANUARY 30, 2020 | [BLOG](#)

Missouri Legislature Turns Eyes to Punitive Damages