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Bharat Varadachari focuses his practice on defending insurance companies in extra-contractual litigation as well as trials involving complex business litigation matters, including:

- Bad-Faith Litigation
- Employment-Related Matters
- Trucking/Large Commercial Vehicle Accidents
- General Insurance Defense
- Products and Premises Liability
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Construction Defects
- Benzene Exposure/Toxic Tort
- Evaluation of Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 3 Site Assessments
- Jones Act/Maritime Matters

Results

- Defense verdict in the City of St. Louis for national hotel chain in a slip and fall case where plaintiff required two surgeries and was forecasted to have two more as a result of his fall.

PRACTICES

Construction
Employment & Labor
Insurance Services
Motor Vehicle Accidents
Trucking & Transportation

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

EDUCATION

- St. Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1999
- St. Louis University School of Public Health, Masters in

- Defense verdict for a dairy in a Peoria County (Illinois) wrongful death case arising out of a trucking/automobile accident. Plaintiff had asked for \$15 million. Defense was able to prove that truck driver was not defendant's agent.
- Defense verdict for a motorcycle dealership limiting Plaintiff's damages to \$180,000 in a wrongful death case. Plaintiff alleged that the dealership negligently modified a motorcycle, resulting in the death of a passenger. Plaintiff asked the jury to return a verdict of between \$2.5 million and \$4 million. Plaintiff's last settlement demand before trial was \$2.5 million.
- Defense verdict for trucking company. Plaintiffs alleged Mr. Varadachari's client initiated a right turn from the left lane. One plaintiff sustained a fractured skull, broken nose, broken pelvis, and broken ribs. The co-plaintiff sustained neck and back injuries.
- Defense verdict for insurance carrier in an uninsured motorist case. Mr. Varadachari defended the insurance carrier on allegations that there was a phantom vehicle/uninsured motorist that struck the co-defendant's vehicle. Jury placed 100 percent of fault on the co-defendant.
- Defense verdict for trucking company in wrongful death case. Plaintiffs alleged that Mr. Varadachari's client's employee struck a pedestrian on the shoulder of the highway, killing him. Plaintiffs had requested \$3.3 million from the jury.

Health Administration, 1999

- University of Illinois, B.A. in History, with minor in Microbiology, 1994

[JULY 8, 2025](#)

Varadachari and Bramstedt Secure a Favorable Verdict for Defendant in Premises Liability Case

[NOVEMBER 26, 2024](#)

Varadachari and Bramstedt Secure Defense Verdict for Client in Trucking Accident Trial

[OCTOBER 30, 2024](#)

Missouri Court of Appeals Affirms Summary Judgment for Property Owner Represented by Varadachari and Roman

[SEPTEMBER 20, 2024](#)

Jury Returns Defense Verdict for HeplerBroom Clients in Less Than an Hour

[DECEMBER 19, 2023](#)

Varadachari and McGonigle Secure Defense Verdict for Client in St. Louis City Personal Injury Trial

DECEMBER 2, 2021

Varadachari and McGonigle Receive Favorable Verdict in Jury Trial

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Varadachari and McGonigle Earn Defense Verdict

APRIL 15, 2019

Varadachari Gets Defense Win in St. Clair County

MAY 24, 2016

Varadachari and Harriss Obtained Defense Verdict for Prairie Farms Dairy

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Varadachari Obtains Dismissal for Client

NOVEMBER 26, 2013

Varadachari Prevails in Missouri Court of Appeals

AUGUST 9, 2013

Varadachari and Deterding Obtain Defense Verdict

FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Varadachari Prevails on Motion for Summary Judgment

Honors

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America (2024-2026)
- Nominated for Lon Hocker Award (2006)
 - Awarded to lawyers under 35 years of age who have demonstrated excellence in the art of trial advocacy in the State of Missouri
- Missouri Lawyers Media
 - Top Defense Wins of 2024 (Co-recipient)
 - 7th Best Defense Verdict in the State of Missouri for 2013 (Co-recipient)
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (2023)
 - Rising Star (2010-2012)

Professional Associations

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
 - Board of Directors (2023-2025)

- St. Louis County Bar Association
 - President (2023-2024)
 - Executive Board
- The Lawyers Association of St. Louis
 - President (2018-2019)
- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance
 - Transportation Committee
- Illinois Defense Counsel
- Illinois Trucking Association
- Inns of Court
- Missouri Bar Association
 - Board of Governors
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
 - Vice Chair, Legislative Committee
- Missouri Trucking Association
- Central and Southern Districts of Illinois
 - Education Committee

Insights

Events & Speaking Engagements

Mr. Varadachari has given numerous presentations, both nationally and locally, on topics including bad faith litigation, defense of trucking companies, insurance defense, and general trial tactics.

[APRIL 4, 2024 | EVENT](#)

Varadachari to Speak at National Claims and Litigation Management Conference

[MARCH 28, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Varadachari and Burkett to Discuss Insurance Issues at National Conference

[DECEMBER 1, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Varadachari to Discuss Voir Dire at Claims and Litigation Management Professionals Meeting

[AUGUST 3, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Varadachari Discusses Litigation on Rotator Cuff Injuries

[MARCH 24, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

Varadachari and Young to Speak at National Insurance Claims and Litigation Conference

FEBRUARY 23, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Lead a Table at Insurance "Speed-Dating" Conference

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hay and Varadachari to Headline ADTA Webinar on Business Development Post COVID

NOVEMBER 2, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari Discusses Transportation Verdicts

AUGUST 26, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Bozarth and Varadachari Spoke at Defense Trial Attorneys National Conference

AUGUST 17, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari Spoke at CLM National Conference

DECEMBER 2, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari Addresses Transportation Carriers and Insurance Claims Professionals

FEBRUARY 11, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari Speaks In Chicago On Commercial General Liability Claims

MARCH 13, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Speak at Annual CLM Conference

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Young and Varadachari Speaking to Insurance Professionals

MARCH 29, 2017 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Speak at CLM Annual Conference

APRIL 6, 2016 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Speak at 2016 CLM Annual Conference

JULY 25, 2014 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Speak at CLM 2014 Annual Conference

JUNE 23, 2014 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Speak at Claims and Litigation Management Alliance 2014 Transportation Conference

JUNE 13, 2013 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Speak at CLM conference

JANUARY 9, 2013 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Speak at 2013 CLM Annual Conference

Publications

- "Peace with a Purpose: Turning Terminated Drivers into Effective Witnesses," *Claims Management Magazine* (September 2019). (Co-author)
- "Growing a Thick Skin: How to Insulate Your Warm-Blooded Driver Against Reptilian Attacks," *Claims Management Magazine* (September 2018). (Co-author)
- "Driving While Drowsy: Fatigue of the Driver as a Basis for Punitive Damages," *Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, Litigation Management Magazine* (Spring 2015).

- “Missouri, Illinois Collateral Source Rules Affect Bodily Injuries Differently,” *The Insurance Journal* (October 5, 2009).
- “Standard of Punitive Damages in Medical Malpractice Actions,” *IADC* (April 2000).

News

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Varadachari Selected to Board of Governors of State Bar Association

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

19 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2026 Best Lawyers Lists

JANUARY 14, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Varadachari to be Honored for a Missouri Lawyers Media 2024 Top Defense Verdict

AUGUST 15, 2024 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2025 Best Lawyers Lists

APRIL 25, 2024 | RECOGNITION

Varadachari Named to List of 100 St. Louisans to Know to Succeed in Business

FEBRUARY 8, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

Varadachari Concludes Presidency of St. Louis County Bar Association

DECEMBER 7, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Six HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2023 Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyers

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

FEBRUARY 7, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Varadachari is President of St. Louis County Bar Association