



Class & Mass Tort Actions

Both American and international businesses continue to face bet-the-company class action litigation. With offices in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madison County, Illinois, we are well-positioned to assist companies embroiled in this high-stakes area of the law in some of the most difficult jurisdictions in the country.

Our attorneys are knowledgeable concerning the intricacies of class action jurisdictional case management and class settlement procedure and nuanced by practical application of true consideration to advance our clients' prospects for successful resolution of class action cases.

Our significant experience includes:

- Defending hundreds of class actions of numerous varieties, such as consumer fraud, Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA), Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), environmental claims, product labeling, wage and overtime pay, and more
- Being the only Madison County-based firm to have actually defended a class action case to verdict in Madison County
- Defending thousands of mass tort cases involving talc, asbestos, benzene, opioids and other pharmaceuticals, medical implants (e.g. hip, knee, neck, mesh, IUDs) and other devices, catastrophic events (e.g. fatal bus accident, train derailment), baby formula, and more
- Trying to verdict a consumer fraud class action case in Madison County, Illinois, and numerous mass tort claims in both Missouri and Illinois state and federal courts
- **Advocating for a wide range of industries, including:**
 - Insurance
 - Pharmaceutical
 - Tobacco
 - Automotive manufacturing
 - Telecommunications
 - Video/DVD rental

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- Car rental
- Tax preparation
- Airfreight/package delivery
- Consumer credit
- Consumer Products & Fraud
- Trade/commerce organizations

Our support staff has in-depth and broad experience, including a dedicated staff of paralegals supporting our complex class action defense strategies, e-discovery, management of high-volume discovery and data, and coordination with national counsel or counsel in other jurisdictions.

Case Results

APRIL 16, 2024

Bauer and Suddarth Obtain Dismissal of Greenwashing Class Action

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Davis Secures Dismissal of Client from Multidistrict Antitrust Case

MAY 2, 2019

HB Springfield Attorneys Secure Decertification in Gender Discrimination Case

OCTOBER 4, 2018

Court Denies Plaintiff's Motion for Class Action Certification

JANUARY 19, 2016

Davis, Inslar, and Leible Achieved Significant Victory in Defeating Class Certification Motion

Insights

News

JANUARY 22, 2026 | RECOGNITION

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

19 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2026 Best Lawyers Lists

JUNE 24, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Kuchar Appointed to IDC Board

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Hepler Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from International Defense Counsel Organization

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Bozarth Attends Global Insurance Summit

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13 HB Attorneys Named 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Bauer Interviewed for National Defense Attorney Podcast on How to “Balance It All”

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Included in Best Law Firms® 2024 Edition

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Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Named Best Lawyers’ 2024 “Lawyers of the Year”

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AUGUST 8, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Bushnell Joins HeplerBroom as Associate

NOVEMBER 3, 2022 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Ranked Nationally as a 2023 “Best Law Firm”

NOVEMBER 4, 2021 | RECOGNITION

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Publications

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 | PUBLICATION

Rankin and Haine Update Class Actions Chapter in Illinois Attorney Handbook

APRIL 24, 2018 | PUBLICATION

Insler’s Bar Journal Article Explores Increase in Number of Illinois Biometrics Privacy Act Litigation Cases

APRIL 27, 2016 | PUBLICATION

Insler Published Article in DRI's *In-House Defense Quarterly*

Events

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Four HeplerBroom Attorneys Featured at Illinois Municipal League Conference

AUGUST 25, 2015 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Rankin was a Presenter at DRI Class Actions Seminar

FEBRUARY 19, 2013 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Rankin Scheduled to Speak at DRI Seminar

Blog Posts

DECEMBER 12, 2024 | BLOG

Expenses Covered by Medicaid Rendered Unrecoverable to Parents in Illinois

DECEMBER 3, 2024 | BLOG

Defending the Latest Class Actions: GLP-1 Injectables for Diabetes and Weight Loss

OCTOBER 17, 2023 | BLOG

CAFA: Seventh Circuit's Interpretation of the Home-State Controversy Exception

APRIL 28, 2020 | BLOG

The "Race of Laxity" Continues, More Reasons to Incorporate in Delaware: Enforcement of Federal Forum Selection Provisions in Corporate Charters

AUGUST 8, 2019 | BLOG

Missouri Gov. Parson Enacts Tort Reform Significant to Litigation and Trial Practice

FEBRUARY 20, 2018 | BLOG

Standing in Data-Breach Cases - Risk of Future Injury Remains Unsettled: SCOTUS Skirts Apparent Circuit Conflict

MAY 23, 2016 | BLOG

Spokeo Speak: SCOTUS Addresses Injury-in-Fact Standing in Spokeo

APRIL 10, 2014 | BLOG

HeplerBroom LLC Helps Secure Dismissal of Corporate Officers in Securities Class Action

FEBRUARY 4, 2014 | BLOG

Commercial Cleaning Franchisor Sweeps Up Rico Claims -- Arbitration Provision and Class-Action Waiver Clause Valid and Enforceable by Nonsignatories

JANUARY 28, 2014 | BLOG

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Reverses Class Certification for Failure of the District Court to Perform a Rigorous Analysis Before Finding Predominance