



Commercial Litigation

Our lawyers listen—and take time to learn your business. We have built our reputation on our practical business experience, which combined with in-depth legal expertise allows us to help clients resolve business and commercial disputes effectively.

We work with our clients as trusted advisors who keep a sharp focus on our clients' long-term needs and goals. We work with you and apply our knowledge and skills to solve the problem because we understand that such focused resolution is vital to your company and its stake-holders – whether you are one of the Fortune 50 or a more local family business.

The complexities of today's economy, corporate governance, media and investor relations, financial services, real estate development and finance, food and agriculture, transportation and retail, energy, pharmaceutical and health care, sports, entertainment, and hospitality and constantly evolving technology challenge business leaders to navigate a wide range of often uncharted waters. We have vast experience in a wide array of commercial matters.

When Trial is Necessary, We're Ready

As trial lawyers, we are often the best resource to *avoid* lawsuits. We frequently counsel clients on how to resolve business issues without the cost and uncertainty of litigation. We also have a strong record of resolving disputes through mediation and other pre-trial strategies.

There is a difference between trial preparers and trial lawyers, and adversaries and courts alike know we mean business. The best way to a favorable result is the willingness and ability to try the case. We pride ourselves on handling complex litigation with the end result in mind – whether at the state or federal level, before a jury or judge, at commercial or mandatory arbitration. And we have the evidence management and trial presentation tools, scalable to each case, to efficiently and persuasively present your strongest case.

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Our trial and business experiences provide solid counsel and legal defense on issues including:

- advertising liability
- agribusiness & food litigation
- antitrust litigation
- banking & lender liability
- breach of contract disputes
- merger & acquisition litigation
- construction contract, performance, & failure matters
- consumer & class action cases
- cybersecurity & privacy litigation
- director & officer liability claims
- distribution of products & services disputes
- eminent domain issues
- fidelity bond claims
- fiduciary litigation
- financial services litigation
- franchise litigation
- internal investigations
- non-compete, trade secret, & employee unfair competition claims
- real estate finance
- shareholder liability
- sports & entertainment litigation
- trade regulation matters
- UCC sales & secured transactions issues
- White collar criminal defense

Case Results

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

HeplerBroom Attorneys Successfully Defend Favorable Jury Verdict in Illinois Fourth District Appellate Court

APRIL 5, 2024

Bousquet and Roman Secure Appellate Court Decision on Contract Dispute over Right of First Refusal

AUGUST 24, 2023

Meadows Secures Appellate Victory for Developer and Contractors

JUNE 15, 2023

Wilson and Kosiba Secure Plaintiff Verdict in Tazewell County Commercial Lawsuit

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Insler and Davis Secure Dismissal of Breach of Contract Lawsuit Against City of Waukegan

JANUARY 19, 2016

Davis, Insler, 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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Davis Appointed Co-Chair of Missouri Bar Committee

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

19 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2026 Best Lawyers Lists

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Magee Named Best Lawyers' 2026 Lawyer of the Year for Two Practice Areas

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DuChateau Selected for Membership in Prestigious Defense Counsel Bar Association

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Magee Named to Elite List of Powerful Business and Corporate Defense Attorneys

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HeplerBroom Adds Texas Attorney to Its Asbestos Practice Group

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Appellate Attorney Irina Dmitrieva Joins HeplerBroom

AUGUST 15, 2024 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2025 Best Lawyers Lists

MAY 16, 2024 | RECOGNITION

Magee Once Again Named to Elite List of Powerful Defense Attorneys

JANUARY 25, 2024 | RECOGNITION

13 HB Attorneys Named 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

JANUARY 2, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Announces Four New Partners

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds New Fall Associates

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Included in Best Law Firms® 2024 Edition

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

MAY 11, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Magee Again Named to Elite List of Powerful Defense Attorneys

MAY 4, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Varadachari Selected to Board of Directors of National Defense Attorney Organization

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Bousquet Joins HeplerBroom as Partner

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HeplerBroom Ranked Nationally as a 2022 “Best Law Firm”

Events

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Four HeplerBroom Attorneys Featured at Illinois Municipal League Conference

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Dmitrieva, Tiffany, and Weiner Help In-House Counsel Learn How to Protect Privilege

APRIL 26, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Moch to Speak at State Defense Counsel Conference

Blog Posts

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 | BLOG

Seventh Circuit Affirms Discovery Sanctions Leading to Summary Judgment

AUGUST 19, 2025 | BLOG

Illinois Supreme Court Replaces the Rule 9 “Good Cause Shown” Standard with a Five-Day Period For Backdating Rejected Pleadings

JULY 3, 2025 | BLOG

Circuit Court Revested with Jurisdiction the Date the Appellate Court Issues Mandate—Even if Circuit Court Clerk Fails to File It

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Implications of U.S. Supreme Court's Expansion of Civil RICO Liability: An Analysis of *Medical Marijuana, Inc. v. Horn*

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Indiana Court of Appeals Tackles "Something More" in Personal Jurisdiction in Talc Litigation

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Tips for Building a Successful Defense Against Exceptions to Illinois' *Moorman* Doctrine

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Illinois Courts' Treatment of Attorney-Client Privilege with *Non*-Employees

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Cooperation with the Justice Department: The Rules are Changing

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Can a Discovery Dispute Lead to Extraordinary Intervention by the Illinois Supreme Court? Usually Not; That's Why it is Extraordinary

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Missouri's Prompt Pay Act Provides for Simple Interest as Penalty for Failure to Pay

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Not Just Another Day at the "Breach": Risk Allocation in a Specialized Construction Climate

[MARCH 14, 2018 | BLOG](#)

Self-Serving Pleadings for Additional Insureds

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Read Your Insurance Policy Carefully: Insured Bound to Terms of Policy Despite Alleged Representations by Insurer's Agent

[FEBRUARY 1, 2018 | BLOG](#)

Missouri Appellate Court Finds Ambiguity in Anti-Stacking Provision, Allows Stacking of Limits of Liability in Four Separate Auto Liability Policies

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Illinois Appellate Court Rejects Request to Re-Write Insurer's Additional Insured Coverage to Conform with Construction Agreement

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Insurer Seeks Rescission Due to Misrepresentation in an Application for Insurance - Court Rules that an Insurer is Required to not only Ask Questions but also to Investigate Answers

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Developments in Judicial Estoppel following *Seymour v. Collins*

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New Trade Secret Protection Weapon

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Can Parent Companies be Held Liable for the Acts of Their Subsidiaries? The Theory of Expanded Liability for Parent Companies in Illinois

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International Operations?—Important New Guidance on The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act