



Premises Liability

We are uniquely experienced and positioned to support and defend you and your contracts in premises claims of all kinds – from retail establishments to power plants and refineries and residential facilities and condominiums.

We skillfully navigate the unique challenges presented by premises' claims, applying our vast experience across commercial and residential facilities of all kinds, including bodily injury and property damage claims, third-party criminal liabilities, hazardous substance exposure claims, contract formation and enforcement, and risk transfer.

HeplerBroom attorneys have a proven history of excellent results representing premises owners, operators, management companies, and contractors across Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, and Wisconsin. We understand the often complex issues and contractual relationships involved, and skillfully navigate the unique challenges presented across a wide-range of commercial and residential settings, including: power generation and oil refineries; production and food processing facilities; breweries; paper and steel mills; bars, restaurants, nightclubs, and other retail establishments; retail centers and shopping malls; residential/condominium facilities and homes; and medical facilities and nursing homes as well as municipalities.

Case Results

JULY 31, 2025

Koepke and Bushnell Obtain Significantly Lower Award in Macoupin County Premises Liability Trial

JULY 8, 2025

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

APRIL 17, 2025

Fowler and Houser Secure Defense Verdict in Jefferson County Property Damage Case

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OCTOBER 30, 2024

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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Nielsen Scores Second Defense Victory in August

DECEMBER 19, 2023

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

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Wilson and Elworth Secure Appellate Ruling Affirming Jury Verdict for HeplerBroom's Utility Client

OCTOBER 4, 2022

Curtis Secures Defense Verdict in Southern Indiana Products Liability Trial

MAY 26, 2022

Fowler and Hay Secure Substantially Reduced Plaintiff Verdict

MAY 19, 2022

Wilson Obtains Defense Verdict

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Bringing Home the Bacon: HeplerBroom Clients Receive \$2.5 Million Fee Award

JUNE 17, 2021

Lytle and McGonigle Secure Substantially Reduced Award

AUGUST 25, 2020

Environmental Attorneys Secure Important Legal Precedent for Farmers

JUNE 16, 2020

Lytle Obtains Affirmation of Summary Judgment

AUGUST 8, 2019

Davis and Insler Secure Forum Non Conveniens Dismissal of Internationally Rooted Case

MARCH 15, 2016

Daniel Lytle Obtained Summary Judgment in Premises Liability Case

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Hamilton Appointed Appellate Court Judge by Missouri Governor

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St. Louis Adds New Associate Attorney

MAY 6, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

St. Louis Office Adds New Associate Attorney

FEBRUARY 27, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds Texas Attorney to Its Asbestos Practice Group

JANUARY 14, 2025 | RECOGNITION

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

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HeplerBroom Adds Three New Partners

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

Appellate Attorney Irina Dmitrieva Joins HeplerBroom

APRIL 25, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Partners Attend Missouri Asian American Bar Association Dinner

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds New Fall Associates

AUGUST 24, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Kister Joins HeplerBroom as Associate

Publications

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 | PUBLICATION

Dmitrieva and Libbra Published in State Defense Association Journal

APRIL 16, 2024 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Published in State Professional Journal

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

HeplerBroom Attorneys Once Again Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

3 HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

JUNE 22, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Rosser and Libbra to Discuss Preparing Corporate Representatives for Depositions

JULY 29, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Weiner Talks with Illinois Chamber of Commerce about New Prejudgment Interest Statute

JULY 6, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Weiner Presents Risk Transfer Webinar

Blog Posts

JANUARY 6, 2026 | BLOG

When Helping Hurts: Illinois Federal Court Finds Retailer May Have Assumed a Legal Duty by Assisting Customer

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Retention Pond Is Open and Obvious Danger for Which Property Owners Owe No Legal Duty to Unsupervised Child

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Winter is Coming: Illinois Appellate Court Upholds Summary Judgment for Lack of Evidence of Unnatural Accumulation

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First District Upholds Summary Judgment for Landowner Based on Illinois' Statute of Repose for Construction

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OCTOBER 9, 2017 | BLOG

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