



Products Liability

We practice at the forefront of some of the most influential and high-stakes products litigation in the country. No matter the product involved or the complexity of the litigation, our products liability attorneys provide creative, skilled, and cost-effective advocacy for our clients. (For specialty areas, please visit our asbestos/talc and pharmaceuticals/medical device pages.)

Our Products Liability Group is especially suited for and experienced in handling complex and high exposure cases in some of the most litigious jurisdictions in the United States: the Illinois counties of Cook, Madison, and St. Clair and the City of St. Louis, Missouri. We practice regionally in all state and federal courts throughout Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana and serve as national counsel for certain clients. From defending products liability class actions to guiding manufacturers through their very first products liability lawsuit, our talented team of litigators have amassed a long list of favorable results for our clients, including dispositive motions, favorable settlements, and trial and appellate wins.

Our experienced trial counsel, supported by a team of professionals using advanced litigation technology and resources, have a proven successful track-record defending cases involving:

- asbestos
- automobiles & tires
- chemicals (e.g., benzene, lead, and manganese)
- construction equipment
- consumer products (e.g., talcum baby powder, hair straightener)
- electrical equipment
- elevators
- farm equipment
- medical devices & equipment
- manufacturing & industrial production devices
- PFAS

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- pharmaceuticals
- recreational vehicles & boats
- tobacco

Case Results

APRIL 16, 2024

Bauer and Suddarth Obtain Dismissal of Greenwashing Class Action

OCTOBER 14, 2021

HeplerBroom Attorneys Help Secure Johnson & Johnson Defense Verdicts

AUGUST 3, 2021

HB Attorneys Secure Defense Verdict in Talc Case

JANUARY 21, 2020

HeplerBroom Secures Defense Verdict in Talc Case

JUNE 20, 2019

Missouri Appellate Court Reverses and Vacates Talc Judgment

DECEMBER 27, 2018

Hamilton and Zaffiri Obtain Summary Judgement in U.S. District Court

OCTOBER 17, 2017

Missouri Court of Appeals Reverses and Vacates Judgment in Case Claiming that Talc Caused Plaintiff's Ovarian Cancer

Insights

News

JANUARY 22, 2026 | RECOGNITION

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

JANUARY 20, 2026 | FIRM NEWS

Hamilton Appointed Appellate Court Judge by Missouri Governor

OCTOBER 16, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

St. Louis Adds New Associate Attorney

OCTOBER 14, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Fowler Inducted into Prestigious Trial Lawyers Association

Anne B. Schmidt
Sean P. Sheehan
Brittany D. Shoaff
Anthony R. Tretter
Katie F. Vinge
Thomas H. Wilson
Audra L. Zobrist

RELATED PRACTICES

Asbestos
Benzene
Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices
Talc
Tobacco
Toxic Tort

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Feldman Joins St. Louis Office as an Associate

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Chicago Office Adds New Asbestos Associate

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

JULY 29, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Attorneys Take on Leadership Roles for Illinois Attorney Organization

JULY 1, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds New Toxic Tort Defense Attorney

JUNE 24, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Kuchar Appointed to IDC Board

MAY 20, 2025 | RECOGNITION

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

MARCH 3, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Hepler Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from International Defense Counsel Organization

FEBRUARY 27, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds Texas Attorney to Its Asbestos Practice Group

JANUARY 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

JANUARY 6, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds Three New Partners

NOVEMBER 12, 2024 | RECOGNITION

Five HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2024 Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyers/Rising Star

OCTOBER 15, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

St. Louis Office Adds New Fall Associate

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

APRIL 25, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Partners Attend Missouri Asian American Bar Association Dinner

APRIL 25, 2024 | RECOGNITION

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

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 16, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

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

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds New Fall Associates

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | RECOGNITION

HeplerBroom Included in Best Law Firms® 2024 Edition

AUGUST 24, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Kister Joins HeplerBroom as Associate

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

AUGUST 8, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Bushnell Joins HeplerBroom as Associate

MAY 11, 2023 | RECOGNITION

Magee Again Named to Elite List of Powerful Defense Attorneys

JUNE 8, 2021 | RECOGNITION

Magee and Noce Named to Elite List of Powerful Defense Attorneys

AUGUST 27, 2020 | FIRM NEWS

Illinois Government Responses to Covid-19 Updated 8/27/2020

AUGUST 25, 2020 | RECOGNITION

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Named Best Lawyers' 2021 "Lawyers Of The Year"

NOVEMBER 29, 2018 | RECOGNITION

Magee Named to Top 50 Lawyers in St. Louis

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 | RECOGNITION

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Ranked Among Top in the World

Publications

AUGUST 14, 2025 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Contribute to Illinois Defense Counsel's Annual Publication

JUNE 30, 2022 | PUBLICATION

Sheehan Publishes Article in Law Journal

AUGUST 18, 2015 | PUBLICATION

Bauer Publishes Article on Sports-Related Concussion Litigation

JULY 26, 2012 | PUBLICATION

Hall Authors Article for *The Illinois Manufacturer Magazine*

JUNE 7, 2011 | PUBLICATION

Kaufmann and Murphy Published Article in *Illinois Bar Journal* Regarding Juror Questions

Events

JANUARY 15, 2026 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Feldman Among Featured Speakers at Washington University's Olin Business School

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Zobrist to Speak at National Perrin Asbestos Conference

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

HeplerBroom Attorneys Once Again Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

FEBRUARY 19, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Bauer and Brown to Provide PFAS Regulatory Update and Tips to Prepare for Litigation

APRIL 4, 2024 | EVENT

Varadachari to Speak at National Claims and Litigation Management Conference

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Three HeplerBroom Attorneys Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

JUNE 8, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Libbra to Moderate Toxic Tort Webinar

MARCH 6, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hall to Discuss Asbestos Issues at National Conference

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

3 HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

MAY 4, 2022 | EVENT

Magee and Hamilton Moderate State Bar Association Virtual Event

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

JUNE 17, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Kiser to Present Continuing Education Webinar on Handling Depositions

DECEMBER 10, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hall Speaks at DRI's Asbestos Medicine Seminar

JULY 14, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

HB Attorneys Present Seminar for American Bar Association

SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Three HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles in Asbestos Conference

AUGUST 9, 2018 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Three HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles in Asbestos Conference

MARCH 20, 2018 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Bauer Speaks at FDCC Winter Meeting

Blog Posts

DECEMBER 16, 2025 | BLOG

What to Know About Asbestos Litigation in Cook County, Illinois

AUGUST 14, 2025 | BLOG

Illinois Legislation Will Ban PFAS in Numerous Products

AUGUST 12, 2025 | BLOG

Procedural Changes Anticipated for St. Louis Asbestos Cases in 2026

JULY 1, 2025 | BLOG

Foreign Companies, Meet Illinois Courts: Senate Bill 328

JUNE 24, 2025 | BLOG

Missouri Court of Appeals Reaffirms Requirements for Admitting Text Messages

JUNE 17, 2025 | BLOG

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

APRIL 8, 2025 | BLOG

PFAS Litigation Part 2: Where, When, and Why

FEBRUARY 18, 2025 | BLOG

Tips for Building a PFAS Defense Strategy

FEBRUARY 13, 2025 | BLOG

Recent PFAS Updates

OCTOBER 17, 2024 | BLOG

PFAS Litigation Part 1: PFAS - What & Who

OCTOBER 1, 2024 | BLOG

Illinois and Missouri: Two Different States, Two Different Interpretations of Strict Liability for Products

OCTOBER 24, 2023 | BLOG

California Appellate Court Muzzles Corporate Representative Testimony

OCTOBER 12, 2023 | BLOG

CMS Issues Long-Awaited Final Rule Imposing Civil Money Penalties for Failing to Properly Report Pursuant to Medicare Secondary Payer Obligations

JULY 25, 2023 | BLOG

Missouri Redaction Actions: A New Wilderness for Counsel and The Public

[JUNE 30, 2023 | BLOG](#)

U.S. Supreme Court Rules Corporations Can Be Properly Sued in State Courts Wherever Registration Statutes Provide Jurisdiction

[FEBRUARY 10, 2023 | BLOG](#)

Seventh Circuit Releases Two New Personal Jurisdiction Cases

[AUGUST 19, 2022 | BLOG](#)

3 Keys to Preparing for Corporate Representative Depositions

[JULY 19, 2022 | BLOG](#)

Illinois Bans Incineration of PFAS

[MAY 10, 2022 | BLOG](#)

Seventh Circuit Gets Specific about Non-Specific Defect Theory

[OCTOBER 21, 2020 | BLOG](#)

Products Liability Trials in the Midst of a Pandemic

[JULY 30, 2020 | BLOG](#)

Products Liability Claims and Motions for Summary Judgment

[JUNE 11, 2020 | BLOG](#)

Iowa Law Addresses Over-Naming of Defendants in Asbestos-Related Lawsuits

[APRIL 11, 2018 | BLOG](#)

Distributor of Electrical Conduit Owes a Duty to Wife of Consumer

[NOVEMBER 15, 2017 | BLOG](#)

Madison County Circuit Court Considers Question of Duty, Grants Defendant U.S. Steel Corporation's Motion for Summary Judgment

[OCTOBER 9, 2017 | BLOG](#)

Changes to Law Governing the Value of Plaintiffs' Medical Bills and the Collateral Source Rule