

Talc

HeplerBroom LLC is at the forefront of talcum powder litigation. We represent the primary target manufacturer of the body powder products at issue in the litigation both in nationally publicized product liability trials in St. Louis City and in similar litigation throughout the Midwest. The majority of these cases are pending in what some have named the most difficult jurisdictions for defendants in the United States.

The talc team plays a major role in managing every aspect of this challenging, high-stakes litigation: developing and implementing strategies related to challenging jurisdictions, removal and transfer, conducting discovery and defending against overreaching discovery tactics, working with expert witnesses, participating in all aspects of trial, and developing appellate strategies, as well as consulting with and providing support to appellate counsel.

The team uses state-of-the-art technology and communication resources to keep national trial counsel (and in-house counsel) apprised of developments in their cases. It also uses advanced technology for document management and case organization to minimize paper files and meet the goal of providing excellent legal services in a cost-efficient manner.

Our talc team was an integral part of the trial and appeal of *Fox v. Johnson & Johnson*, in which the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, reversed and vacated in its entirety a \$72 million judgment. Appeals in three similar cases are pending in the Missouri Court of Appeals. Additionally, the talc team was successful in obtaining a preliminary writ from the Missouri Supreme Court related to a venue question, which halted a trial just days before it was set to begin.

Case Results

OCTOBER 14, 2021

HeplerBroom Attorneys Help Secure Johnson & Johnson Defense Verdicts

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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

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

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

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

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

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

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

Blog Posts

DECEMBER 16, 2025 | BLOG

What to Know About Asbestos Litigation in Cook County, Illinois

JUNE 5, 2025 | BLOG

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

OCTOBER 9, 2017 | BLOG

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