

Toxic Tort

Our team has extensive experience developing legal defenses on toxic tort matters.

For many years, HeplerBroom has been actively involved in representing clients with toxic tort exposure. We have the knowledge and experience necessary to defend your company in this highly volatile area of the law.

Madison County, Cook County, and St. Louis City jurisdictions are sites of a large number of lawsuits involving a variety of toxic torts, including **asbestos, benzene, welding fume, thimerosal, vinyl-chloride**, and many others. With offices in Madison County, Springfield, Chicago, and Crystal Lake, Illinois, as well as St. Louis, Missouri, and Hammond, Indiana, HeplerBroom is well situated to handle cases throughout the Midwest.

We have developed a library of legal, medical, and professional literature related to asbestos, erionite, and various other allegedly toxic and/or carcinogenic substances. In addition, our toxic tort lawyers maintain close working relationships with expert witnesses who are available to consult on claims. We utilize knowledge, experience, and resources to build a defense for your company and to promote early resolution. However, if trial is necessary, our trial team has the experience, skills, and commitment to take a case through jury trials and the appellate process.

Insights

News

[JANUARY 22, 2026 | RECOGNITION](#)

15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

[SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 | FIRM NEWS](#)

Chicago Office Adds New Asbestos Associate

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RELATED PRACTICES

Asbestos

Benzene

Premises Liability

Products Liability

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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

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

JULY 16, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Attorneys Serve as Leaders with State Defense Attorney Association

APRIL 25, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Partners Attend Missouri Asian American Bar Association Dinner

JANUARY 2, 2024 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Announces Four New Partners

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

HeplerBroom Adds New Fall Associates

AUGUST 19, 2021 | RECOGNITION

Four HeplerBroom Attorneys Named Best Lawyers' 2022 "Lawyers of the Year"

Publications

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 | PUBLICATION

Dmitrieva and Libbra Published in State Defense Association Journal

AUGUST 14, 2025 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Contribute to Illinois Defense Counsel's Annual Publication

JANUARY 30, 2025 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Publish Columns for *IDC Quarterly*

JUNE 30, 2022 | PUBLICATION

Sheehan Publishes Article in Law Journal

JULY 26, 2012 | PUBLICATION

Hall Authors Article for *The Illinois Manufacturer Magazine*

NOVEMBER 4, 2011 | PUBLICATION

Kiser and Ferguson Publish Articles in IDC Tort Law Committee Newsletter

Events

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 | EVENT

HeplerBroom Attorneys to Play Key Roles at Asbestos Conference

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Kiser Speaking at National Perrin Asbestos Litigation Conference

NOVEMBER 15, 2023 | EVENT

Hall Discusses Asbestos Defense at National 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

JUNE 22, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Rosser and Libbra to Discuss Preparing Corporate Representatives for Depositions

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Three HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles in Asbestos Conference

NOVEMBER 8, 2018 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Hall to Speak on Intersection of Asbestos Defense and Music

AUGUST 9, 2018 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Three HB Attorneys to Play Key Roles in Asbestos Conference

AUGUST 10, 2017 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Four HB Attorneys to Contribute to Asbestos Litigation Conference

JUNE 21, 2017 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Kiser to Speak at National Toxic Tort Seminar

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Baum, Kiser, and Stufflebeam Contribute to HarrisMartin Midwest Asbestos Conference

Blog Posts

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

APRIL 8, 2025 | BLOG

PFAS Litigation Part 2: Where, When, and Why

MARCH 6, 2025 | BLOG

Medicare Secondary Payer News, Notes, and Updates for 2025

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

MARCH 26, 2024 | BLOG

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Issue Final Rule Regarding Civil Money Penalties for Failing to Timely Report Personal Injury Settlements Involving Medicare Beneficiaries

JANUARY 23, 2024 | BLOG

Understanding the Challenges of Defending Take-Home Asbestos Exposure Claims

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

MARCH 30, 2023 | BLOG

After the Smoke Clears: What's Next for Those Involved in the Ohio Train Derailment?

FEBRUARY 8, 2022 | BLOG

Casting A Wide Net? Legislation Passed in North Dakota, West Virginia, and Tennessee Limiting Over-Naming of Defendants in Toxic Tort Suits

JANUARY 26, 2021 | BLOG

Illinois Mesothelioma Case Dismissed Based on Exclusive Remedy Provision

APRIL 25, 2018 | BLOG

U.S. District Court Bars Expert Testimony from Staggs, Henry Anderson, and Kenneth Garza

NOVEMBER 15, 2017 | BLOG

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

MARCH 2, 2016 | BLOG

Garretson Resolution Group Introduces Product to Streamline Medicare's Recovery and Reporting Requirements in Malignant Asbestos Injury Cases

JANUARY 2, 2014 | BLOG

Summary Judgment for Ameren Illinois in Northern District of Illinois Mesothelioma Case