



Trucking & Transportation

The minutes and hours immediately after an accident are critical. HeplerBroom's 24-hour Emergency Response Team investigates the scene, preserves and collects evidence and statements, and brings calm experience to stressful scenes. When litigation arises, we aggressively defend catastrophic loss, injury, and death claims. From the day of the accident through trial, HeplerBroom's litigators proudly represent truck drivers and trucking companies in high stakes litigation.

Proven Trucking and Transportation Litigators

We are proud to represent the trucking industry in all manner of transportation-related litigation. We also advise trucking companies on labor and employment matters and regulatory matters, including the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act ("BIPA").

Case Results

NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Varadachari and Bramstedt Secure Defense Verdict for Client in Trucking Accident Trial

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

McGonigle and Andersson Win Summary Judgment in St. Louis Motor Vehicle Accident Case

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Varadachari and McGonigle Earn Defense Verdict

MAY 13, 2021

Hamilton and Neill Get Favorable Jury Verdict in Federal Court Trial

MAY 24, 2016

Varadachari and Harriss Obtained Defense Verdict for Prairie Farms Dairy

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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 14, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Fowler Inducted into Prestigious Trial Lawyers Association

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Feldman Joins St. Louis Office as an Associate

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Varadachari Selected to Board of Governors of State Bar Association

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

19 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2026 Best Lawyers Lists

MAY 6, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

St. Louis Office Adds New Associate Attorney

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15 HeplerBroom Attorneys Named 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

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 | RECOGNITION

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

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

MAY 4, 2023 | FIRM NEWS

Varadachari Selected to Board of Directors of National Defense Attorney Organization

JANUARY 28, 2014 | FIRM NEWS

Varadachari and Deterding Obtain Verdict Rated as 7th Best in the State of Missouri for 2013

Publications

NOVEMBER 11, 2025 | PUBLICATION

Five HeplerBroom Attorneys Publish Features, Articles, and Columns for Illinois Defense Counsel's Professional Journal

OCTOBER 19, 2021 | PUBLICATION

Reda and McGonigle Publish Article on Data Downloads for Vehicles Involved in Accidents

JANUARY 21, 2020 | PUBLICATION

Reda and Millaway Publish Article on Trucking Companies' Heightened Need for Liability Vigilance

OCTOBER 30, 2019 | PUBLICATION

Varadachari Co-Authors Article for Claims and Litigation Management Journal

OCTOBER 2, 2018 | PUBLICATION

Varadachari Co-Authors Article on Trucking Industry Defense for CLM Magazine

JANUARY 2, 2018 | PUBLICATION

Reda Article Tackles Defending Claims Asserting Commercial Truck Drivers Can Commit Professional Malpractice

DECEMBER 8, 2016 | PUBLICATION

Reda and Harriss Publish Article on Ensuring Admissibility of Social Media Evidence

NOVEMBER 3, 2015 | PUBLICATION

Reda and Harriss Publish Article in DRI's *In Transit*

MARCH 17, 2015 | PUBLICATION

Reda and Harris Author Article for DRI's *In Transit* trucking law newsletter

AUGUST 31, 2011 | PUBLICATION

Reda and Murphy Publish Article in DRI *Trucking Law Newsletter*

Events

JANUARY 15, 2026 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

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

JULY 17, 2025 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

McGonigle Among Featured Speakers at Chicago Insurance Claims Conference

APRIL 4, 2024 | EVENT

Varadachari to Speak at National Claims and Litigation Management Conference

DECEMBER 1, 2022 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari to Discuss Voir Dire at Claims and Litigation Management Professionals Meeting

NOVEMBER 2, 2021 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari Discusses Transportation Verdicts

DECEMBER 2, 2020 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Varadachari Addresses Transportation Carriers and Insurance Claims Professionals

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

[Reda Speaking at Annual DRI Meeting](#)

DECEMBER 5, 2014 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

[Reda to Speak at American Conference Institute's 5th National Forum on Defending and Managing Trucking Litigation](#)

JUNE 23, 2014 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

[Varadachari to Speak at Claims and Litigation Management Alliance 2014 Transportation Conference](#)

JUNE 13, 2013 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

[Varadachari to Speak at CLM conference](#)

DECEMBER 3, 2012 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

[Reda Spoke at American Conference Institute's Third National Forum on Defending and Managing Trucking Litigation](#)

Blog Posts

NOVEMBER 6, 2025 | BLOG

[Why the Trucking Industry Is More Concerned Than Ever About Lawsuit Abuse—and Why That Concern Is Justified](#)

AUGUST 28, 2025 | BLOG

[When No One Has to Drive: Navigating Liability in the Era of Driverless Vehicles](#)

MAY 29, 2025 | BLOG

[Teenage Truckers: Changes to the FMCSA Safe Driver Apprenticeship Pilot Program](#)

AUGUST 24, 2023 | BLOG

[Missouri Supreme Court Declines to Address Constitutionality of Missouri's "No Pay, No Play" Statute](#)

FEBRUARY 28, 2023 | BLOG

[Confusing Jury Instructions Create Unexpected Liability for Trucking Brokers and Shippers](#)

APRIL 22, 2022 | BLOG

[Gant is No Longer: Illinois Supreme Court Holds Direct Negligence Claims Against Trucking Company Appropriate Even Where Company Admits Vicarious Liability](#)

JANUARY 13, 2022 | BLOG

[Missouri Court Refuses to Extend Personal Jurisdiction to Truck Driver Driving for Missouri Company](#)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 | BLOG

[Illinois Supreme Court to Decide Viability and Scope of Gant: Negligent Training Claims Against Employers for Employee's Motor Vehicle Accident](#)

FEBRUARY 4, 2021 | BLOG

[Vehicle Infotainment System Data Cannot be Overlooked](#)

DECEMBER 8, 2020 | BLOG

[Avoiding the Potholes \[and Pitfalls\] with Last-Mile Delivery](#)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 | BLOG

Missouri Court Rules No-Go on Expanding the Logo Liability Doctrine

AUGUST 6, 2020 | BLOG

Illinois Department of Insurance Cannot Decide Owner-Operator Employment Dispute, Appeals Court Rules

JANUARY 8, 2015 | BLOG

Lessons from a Deposition: Insight into One Plaintiff's Counsel's Strategy for Establishing Broker Liability

JANUARY 8, 2015 | BLOG

"Wait, I didn't sign that contract..." How You May Find Yourself Bound to Someone Else's Forum-Selection Clause