



Workers' Compensation

We have decades of experience and use a client-first approach to the defense of employers and insurers in their workers' compensation claims. Our team has handled thousands of claims—from first report of injury to successful resolution—throughout Missouri and Illinois.

Our breadth of experience informs a practice that is, at its heart, client oriented. We're familiar with job demands and ergonomics, industry standards, and injuries common to various types of employment. We know what defenses to employ in which situations, and we can identify red flags raised in injury reporting, employee statements, and medical records. We speak frankly with our clients so they're aware of risks, the likely chances of prevailing, and like-claim exposure.

We have a broad range of experience handling claims from virtually every facet of commerce. We've represented the needs of businesses of all sizes, from Fortune 1000 to family-run companies, and defended employers engaged in many industries, including:

- healthcare
- retail
- food service
- manufacturing
- construction
- security
- utilities
- trucking
- service

In representing this broad spectrum of clients, our team has litigated cases involving virtually every type of job-related injury. We're familiar with medical conditions and, just as importantly, the medical experts on both sides of the bar. We've handled cases involving injuries such as:

- cardiac arrest

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- death
- pre-existing conditions
- non-work-related risk factors
- disputed permanent total disability
- carpal tunnel syndrome
- slip and fall
- repetitive trauma and alleged overuse
- sprains and strains
- fractures
- ligament and muscle tears
- spinal injury, including discs
- knee, elbow, and shoulder injuries

Finally, we know that our clients are the ones who are most familiar with their respective businesses and, more importantly, their employees, and we work closely with them to tailor effective defense strategies to individual cases. If an accident is disputed, we work with our clients to develop the necessary evidence to defend claims aggressively. If our client accepts an accident, we work to determine fair and reasonable settlement values that reduce overall claim exposure and resolve claims quickly.

Case Results

JULY 7, 2022

Hamilton Obtains Summary Judgment in Work-Related Injury Case

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Publications

AUGUST 14, 2025 | PUBLICATION

HeplerBroom Attorneys Contribute to Illinois Defense Counsel's Annual Publication

SEPTEMBER 25, 2015 | PUBLICATION

Bauer and French Published a Hot Case Summary for FDCC

SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 | PUBLICATION

Bauer and Corinne Published a Hot Case Summary for FDCC

Blog Posts

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Investigating Workplace Accidents: The Devil is in the Details

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

APRIL 4, 2019 | BLOG

Illinois Senate Bill 1596—Employers' Civil Liability to Employees