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W. Jason Rankin focuses his practice on trials involving complex litigation matters, including class actions, pharmaceutical litigation, product liability, and insurance defense. He regularly represents clients in multi-million-dollar litigation relating to nationwide class actions and product liability claims. Mr. Rankin represents clients in both Illinois and Missouri and has obtained favorable jury verdicts and arbitration awards on behalf of the defendants.

Results

Petition for Certiorari

- First Bank v. DJL Properties

AUGUST 3, 2021

HB Attorneys Secure Defense Verdict in Talc Case

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

HeplerBroom Attorneys Receive an Important Class Action Fairness Act Victory

PRACTICES

Class & Mass Tort Actions
Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices
Products Liability
Tobacco

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the
 - Eastern District of Missouri
 - Southern District of Illinois
 - Central District of Illinois

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1996
- Drake University, B.A. in English with Spanish minor, magna cum laude, 1993

Honors

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent[®] Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America (2016-2026)
 - 2021 “Lawyer of the Year” - Product Liability Litigation– Defendants (St. Louis)
- Illinois Leading Lawyer (2015-2025)
- Illinois Super Lawyer (2012-2025)
 - Rising Star (2011)

Professional Associations

- Defense Research Institute
 - Class Action Specialized Litigation Group (Chair)
 - Class Actions Seminar - Latest Developments in Law and Practice (Program Chair)
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association

Insights

Events & Speaking Engagements

- “The Future of Class Actions Worldwide,” International Association of Defense Counsel, 2021 Midyear Meeting (2021).
- “Practical Application of E-Discovery in Illinois,” Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel Seminar (Chicago IL, 2015).
- “Latest Developments in Law and Practice,” DRI Class Actions Seminar (Washington D.C., 2015).
- “A Review of Recent Class Action Fairness Act (CAFA) Decisions,” DRI Business Litigation Seminar (Chicago IL, 2013).

Publications

- “Providing Notice of a Class Action,” Chapter 6 in *IICLE Class Actions Handbook* (2020). (Co-author)

LAW SCHOOL HONORS/ INVOLVEMENT

- *Washington University Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law*
 - Associate Editor

- "Are Class Action Counterclaims Removable Under CAFA?" *DRI* (March 2, 2011). (Co-author)
- "CAFA Removal in the Seventh Circuit," *The Business Suit, DRI* (November 21, 2008). (Co-author)

Blog Posts

JUNE 17, 2025 | BLOG

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

News

AUGUST 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

19 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2026 Best Lawyers Lists

JANUARY 21, 2025 | RECOGNITION

Rankin Named 2025 Illinois Super Lawyer

AUGUST 15, 2024 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2025 Best Lawyers Lists

JANUARY 25, 2024 | RECOGNITION

13 HB Attorneys Named 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

AUGUST 17, 2023 | RECOGNITION

28 HeplerBroom Attorneys Honored with Inclusion on 2024 Best Lawyers Lists

MARCH 16, 2015 | MEDIA MENTION

Rankin Quoted in *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*