



# LARRY E. HEPLER

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Larry E. Hepler focuses his practice on the defense of complex, multiparty civil cases and class actions involving a wide range of subjects, including all aspects of consumer fraud, personal injury, products liability, pharmaceutical, commercial, toxic torts, construction, and insurance litigation. He has represented clients in numerous jurisdictions, with a primary emphasis in Illinois and Missouri.

## Practices:

- Class and Mass Tort Actions
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices
- Products Liability
- Tobacco
- Toxic Tort

## Education:

- Washington & Lee University, J.D., magna cum laude, 1968
- Bucknell University, B.A. in Economics, 1965

## Bar Admissions:

- Illinois
- Missouri
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the
  - Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of Illinois
  - Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri

## Results

- Illinois Supreme Court Wipes Out \$10.1 Billion Judgment Against Philip Morris, Again (2015)
- Hepler, Bauer, Bays, Kinney and Kellett Obtained Reversal of Class Certification (2014)
- Hepler, Bauer, Speciale, and Kuchar Defeat Plaintiffs' Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment in Multi-Million Dollar Claim (2011)

## Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- American College of Trial Lawyers
- Best Lawyers in America (2007-2027)
- FDCC Lifetime Achievement Award (2025)
- Illinois Leading Lawyer (2003-2025)
  - Advisory Board Member
  - Featured in Leading Lawyers Network Magazine–Business Edition, “Plaintiffs’ Lawyers Need Their ‘A’ Game When Facing this Madison County Defense Attorney” (2009)
- Illinois Super Lawyer (2005-2024)
- International Who’s Who of Product Liability Defence [sic] Lawyers (2016-2017)

## Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- American College of Trial Lawyers
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Defense Research Institute
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
  - Board of Directors
  - Chair, Economics of Law Practice Substantive Law Section
  - Vice Chair, Technology Committee
  - Chair, Trial Tactics Substantive Law Section
  - Litigation Management College
    - Regional Vice President
    - Faculty Member
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar