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Drew Kemp defends product liability cases in some of the most difficult venues in the country.

Drew defends manufacturers and suppliers of a wide range of industrial and consumer products. He also serves on national and local defense counsel teams in mass tort litigation.

Drew's creativity and attention to detail allow him to consistently develop winning defense strategies for clients. Using his experience and business education, he helps clients develop and maintain cost-effective and successful strategies to avoid taxing patterns of expensive litigation.

In addition to his product liability and mass tort work, Drew represents clients in contract disputes and property damage cases and defends work-related personal injury cases under state law, FEHA, and the Jones Act. He also advises clients in contract negotiations.

In his spare time, Drew enjoys spending time outdoors with his family and pursuing his novice woodworking projects.

Education

- University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law (J.D., 2013); Missouri Law Review
- University of Missouri-Columbia (B.S. in Business Administration with emphasis in Economics, 2010)

State Admissions

- Missouri, 2013
- Illinois, 2014

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Service Areas

- Mass Tort & Product Liability

Experience

- Obtained voluntary dismissal for a commercial power generation client during an interlocutory appeal in a contested Illinois case (2020)
- Obtained numerous dismissals in premises liability actions on behalf of petroleum refining clients by utilizing statutory defenses and identifying predecessor liability (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Prepared a dispositive motion on behalf of an elevator manufacturer client in a Missouri case that resolved favorably for client (2019)
- Obtained multiple dismissals in Missouri product liability actions on behalf of an elevator manufacturer client (2017, 2018)
- Obtained dismissal for a railroad client based on statutory defenses in the federal Locomotive Boiler Inspection Act and Safety Appliance Act (2015)
- Served as appointed pro bono counsel for an indigent prisoner in a civil rights medical malpractice case in Illinois federal court (2015)
- Obtained numerous favorable resolutions for premises defendant clients by advising them on the use of state labor and workers' compensation laws to defend against large claims by former employees
- Obtained summary judgment for a manufacturing facility in Western Kentucky after drafting and arguing a contested motion before a Madison County asbestos judge based on Kentucky workers' compensation law (2014)

Publications & Events

PUBLICATIONS

- [“When Workers’ Comp Covers a Contractor’s Injury Claims,”](#) *Law360* (February 2019)
- [“Beyond HIPAA: Solving the Puzzle of Properly Acquiring Mental Health Records in Litigation,”](#) *IDC Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (February 2016)
- [“When Past Exposure Evidence Is Allowed in Asbestos Defense,”](#) *Law360* (September 2015)
- [“A Happy New Year for the Plaintiff’s Bar as Rushed Amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure Become Law,”](#) *IDC Quarterly*, Vol. 25, No. 1 (March 2015)
- [“The Bright Side of *Ferro v. Folta*: Using Conflicts Law to Bar Civil Actions Arising from Injuries Subject to Another State Workers’ Compensation Statute,”](#) *IDC Tort Law Newsletter* (November 2014)
- [“‘Exclusively’ Confusing: Who Has Jurisdiction to Determine Jurisdiction under the Missouri Workers’ Compensation Law?“,](#) *Missouri Law Review*, Vol. 78, Issue 3 (Summer 2013)
- *Folta v. Ferro Engineering*, amicus curiae brief of Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel in support of Petitioners, 2015 IL 118070, 43 N.E. 3d 108 (2015) (Illinois Supreme Court ultimately held in favor of Petitioners)

Honors

- Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch (2022)

In the Community

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association
- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Defense Research Institute
- Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition, volunteer judge