

LITIGATION

The MWH Litigation Group has a deep bench of experienced trial attorneys. We guide our clients through complex litigation and have established a team approach to operate within the parameters established and defined by the client, at the inception of the litigation. MWH attorneys offers a wide array of litigation services with specialized expertise in the following areas:

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Trial Practice
- Appellate Practice
- Business Dispute Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Contract Dispute Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- ERISA Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Non-Compete Agreement Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Commercial Litigation: MWH has handled a wide array of breach of contract, interference with business relationships, interference with prospective business relationships; fraud and other business relating claims.

Consumer Financial Services Litigation MWH has litigated issues concerning consumer lending and servicing violations, contested foreclosures, property conveyance, quiet title and eminent domain.

Insurance Defense – automobile/truck accident litigation MWH has defended parties sued for negligence and wrongful death related to auto or truck accidents. The cases that we've handled have required us to work with accident reconstructionist and other liability experts. The parties injuries have ranged from soft tissue injuries, fractures, spine injuries, complex pain syndromes and death.

Premises Liability Litigation MWH has defended premises owners/operators sued by patrons who suffered injuries while on clients property. The cases that we've handled have required us to work with accident reconstructionist and other liability experts. The parties injuries have ranged from soft tissue injuries, fractures, spine injuries, complex pain syndromes and death.

Product Liability Litigation MWH has defended companies sued by customers who claim to have suffered bodily injury or property damage caused by client's product.

Workers Compensation Litigation MWH represent companies and workers compensation carriers sued by employees injuries they allege arose out of and in the course of their employment. The employees alleged injuries have ranged from soft tissue injuries, fractures, spine injuries, complex pain syndromes and death.

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BIOGRAPHY

Kerrie M. Murphy is an experienced trial attorney. She represents and defends corporate clients on a wide range of complex matters including labor and employment, products liability, auto accidents, premises liability, worker's compensation, contested foreclosure litigation, and financial services litigation.

Ms. Murphy also has an appellate practice which includes successfully defending multiple appeals before the Iowa Supreme Court and Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.



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Emery K. Harlan has more than 25 years' experience as a trial lawyer representing clients from a broad array of industries in complex civil litigation matters. His practice includes an emphasis on defending companies and governmental entities in high profile, aggravated discrimination matters.

Mr. Harlan's successes include obtaining a complete defense verdict on behalf of a national auto parts retailer in a week long ADA jury trial – the first complete ADA defense verdict obtained against the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission in Wisconsin and affirmed on appeal. He has also represented numerous companies caught in the crosshairs of national civil rights groups and succeeded in achieving behind the scenes "win-win" resolutions.



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Carlos R. Pastrana has experience litigating tort, contract, libel, defamation and employment cases before both state and federal courts and agencies, on behalf of local, national, and international private- and public-sector corporate clients. Mr. Pastrana also has extensive experience in appellate practice, including three different oral arguments before United States Courts of Appeal, as well as vast mediation and arbitration experience.

Fully bilingual, Mr. Pastrana has advised and trained English- and Spanish-speaking clients on a wide array of legal matters.



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Moyenda Mutharika Knapp represents clients in all phases of employment and business litigation. She litigates employment discrimination cases on behalf of employers and their management, counsels employers with regard to the discharge of employees, and provides employment-related trainings.

Her business litigation experience includes matters involving breach of contract actions, Carmack Amendment cases arising from interstate trucking losses, and matters involving fraud, unjust enrichment, conversion, violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act, matters involving claims of breach of non-disclosure agreements, and actions for an accounting.



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Nelson W. Phillips III has extensive litigation law experience with respect to representing commercial and health care clients in a variety of matters, including contract disputes, white collar investigations, intellectual property claims, and defense of nursing care facilities.

For over nine years, Mr. Phillips also served as a federal and state prosecutor in both the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office where he litigated numerous cases before the Wisconsin Federal District and State Circuit Courts and tried a large number of those cases to verdict. As a prosecutor, Mr. Phillips has argued cases before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.



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Warren E. Buliox has extensive experience representing and counseling small and large businesses (including Fortune 50, 100, and 500 Corporations) in all phases of employment litigation. In addition, he has provided counsel and representation to companies on a wide array of civil rights matters.

He has defended or provided counsel on claims before state administrative agencies, federal administrative agencies and in federal court involving allegations of race and color discrimination, sex discrimination, age discrimination, religious discrimination among many others. Additionally, he has argued dozens of motions in Wisconsin state courts and has first chaired served jury trials as a special prosecutor for the State of Wisconsin's DA's office.



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Julie T. Bittner litigates as lead counsel with respect to employment, auto/premises liability, and civil litigation matters. During her first few years of practice, Ms. Bittner handled a variety of general civil litigation cases. Ms. Bittner also has employment/labor experience in the defense of discrimination, harassment, retaliation and wrongful termination claims brought at the administrative level, as well as in state and federal court.

MWH Law Group LLP offers sophisticated legal expertise by more than 15 dedicated and passionate attorneys that have over 350 years of combined law experience.

The firm has offices in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa.