

Our Commercial Trucking and Transportation Litigation Practice Group has significant experience, both in and outside the courtroom, in the handling of commercial transportation matters on behalf of trucking companies and transportation brokers. We provide our clients with advice tailored to address each individual situation, keeping in mind the client's business goals and desired outcome. Our clients consult us on legal issues involving personal injury and wrongful death claims, property damage, cargo and freight claims, business interruption, insurance and indemnification issues and compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.

We understand that a rapid and thorough response by an experienced legal team is critical to protecting our clients. We have a 24-hour response team in place so that we can provide our clients with immediate assistance and take action to deploy investigators and experts to evaluate the scene and preserve important evidence. Our attorneys provide immediate post-accident legal advice and counsel to the company and driver. We provide our clients with prompt and early liability evaluations and offer key insight on document preservation to put our clients in the best possible position to defend against spoliation claims. We consult with our robust network of industry experts in order to provide critical advice and counsel on the complex engineering, medical, and technical issues associated with commercial trucking litigation claims. We develop effective defense strategies for all types of liability claims ranging from personal injury, property damage and cargo claims to matters involving multiple plaintiffs, catastrophic injuries and wrongful death claims.

MWH Law Group handles commercial trucking and transportation defense litigation across Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin.



*Over 120 years of  
combined legal experience*



*4 dedicated attorneys  
offering their guidance*



*Firm offices in Illinois, Indiana,  
Iowa, and Wisconsin*

## SCOPE OF SERVICES

MWH Law Group's commercial trucking and transportation clients include:

- Biomechanical Engineers
- Brokers and Shippers
- Freight Handlers
- Interstate and Intrastate Motor Carriers
- Transportation and Trucking Service Providers

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Defended Interstate Motor Carrier in wrongful death action involving independent contractor/driver.
- Successfully resolved litigation involving a rear-end accident involving a cargo van owned and operated by a Fortune 100® company.
- Represented two commercial trucking businesses in cases where unladen semi-trucks were blown over by winds causing injuries to passengers in the vehicles.
- Defended Fortune 100® company involving passenger injured while reboarding after scheduled stop.
- Defended Fortune 100® company in claimed phantom tractor-trailer accident.
- Obtained a dismissal of claims for tortious interference with contract and civil conspiracy on behalf of a corporate client where the plaintiff was seeking damages in excess of \$1,000,000.

**REPRESENTATIVES**



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I have 30 years of experience as a trial attorney representing and defending corporate clients in a wide range of complex matters including auto/trucking accidents, business disputes, premises liability, products liability, employment, worker's compensation, contested foreclosure litigation, and financial services litigation.

I represent Fortune 100/500® Interstate Motor Carriers and lead our 24-hour response team for accidents in the state of Iowa. I oversee the retention and deployment of investigators and experts and assist in the identification, preservation and compilation of evidence post accident. I communicate with state and local authorities and act as a point of contact for clients. I work with clients to develop early effective defense strategies.



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I am an accomplished trial attorney with 37 years of experience representing and counseling insurance companies, third party administrators, and small and large businesses, including Fortune 500® Corporations, on a wide range of complex matters. I have served as lead attorney with respect to claims involving wrongful death, product liability, construction litigation, automobile and trucking accidents, premises liability claims, and claims for defamation.

My commercial trucking and transportation experience involves representing companies in personal injury, property damage, contract, and commercial litigation cases.



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With 46 years of legal experience, I deftly manage a variety of complex matters for a diverse group of clients before state and federal courts in litigation involving commercial transportation, business disputes, construction defects, premises and product liability claims, real estate transactions claims. I have also represented a number of clients defending employment-related claims.

I have obtained numerous jury defense verdicts defending personal injury and commercial trucking and transportation disputes.



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I litigate as lead counsel with respect to auto/trucking litigation, construction litigation, fire and explosion, product liability, premises liability, toxic tort, and insurance defense matters. In my eight years as a litigator, I have first-chaired jury trials on behalf of municipalities, tried multiple small claims matters before court commissioners and small claims judges, and successfully obtained multiple summary judgments.

I represent commercial trucking businesses in transportation injury and contract cases, as well as other transportation companies with matters regarding safety and procedure.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ *Highly rated by Super Lawyers and Rising Stars*
- ✓ *Earned the highest ratings by Martindale-Hubbell*
- ✓ *Named Best Lawyers in America, Leaders in the Law, and Up & Coming Lawyers by Wisconsin Law Journal*

MWH Law Group LLP is a community of individuals from diverse backgrounds, with distinct and contrasting experiences, which forms the basis of our unique corporate culture. These differences allow MWH attorneys to assist our clients in achieving the best solutions for the legal challenges they face.