

The MWH Litigation Practice Group has a deep bench of experienced trial attorneys. Our trial attorneys guide clients through complex litigation and have established a team approach to provide clients with advice and strategies tailored to address each situation and provide solutions for resolving disputes in a cost-effective manner, keeping in mind each client's individual business goals. Attorneys offer a wide array of litigation services with specialized expertise in several areas.



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SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Auto Accidents
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- Contract Dispute
- Employment
- Financial Services
- Fire Claims
- Intellectual Property
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Trucking/Transportation

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.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Obtained a defense jury verdict in litigation involving a plaintiff who suffered quadriplegic injuries.
- Represented Fortune 100® financial institutions in various consumer class actions in state and federal courts brought under consumer fraud loan statutes relating to mortgage assignments, transfers, and state recording taxes.
- Obtained an order granting a motion to dismiss with prejudice which also denied plaintiff leave to re-plead in a highly contentious breach of contract action where plaintiff initially made a multi-million dollar demand for settlement. The decision of the lower court was upheld on appeal.
- Successfully negotiated payment of \$115,000 through innovative defense strategies, including offer of judgment when original demand was \$500,000.
- Represented dairy seed supplier in multi-million-dollar product liability case in which it was alleged that seed with too much magnesium led to the deaths of a herd of cows.
- Represented Fortune 500® financial institution and its subsidiaries in litigation brought under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Issues involved consumer mortgages, credit cards, and student loans regulated under various federal and state debt collection statutes.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice of plaintiff's negligence action based on motion for failure to timely serve.

REPRESENTATIVES



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

I take a proactive approach to litigation. I am persistent and tenacious. I think outside the box and don't stop until I find solutions for my clients. I understand the importance of actively working my cases from the onset of assignment.

One of the traits that clients most appreciate about me is my willingness and ability to quickly gather all relevant information and provide an early and accurate assessment of the matter under review. I focus on identifying and executing effective legal strategies aimed at achieving the results that best support each client's goals.



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I have 32 years of experience as a trial attorney representing clients in complex civil litigation matters. My practice includes an emphasis on representing financial institutions in multi-party cases. Throughout my career, I have served as a leader in promoting greater diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. Immediately prior to co-founding MWH Law Group LLP, I served as Chairman of one of the largest minority-owned law firms in the United States.

I also co-founded the premiere trade association focused on creating opportunities for women and minority-owned law firms - the National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF). NAMWOLF has been, and continues to be, responsible for the tremendous growth in the number of minority and women-owned law firms in the United States. My honors include Best Lawyers in America (2015) and Leaders in Law (2011) from the Wisconsin Law Journal.



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In my 13 years as a litigator, I have represented corporate clients in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, retail, banking and financial services, real estate, hospitality, technology, food and beverage, and media.

I defend claims involving premises liability, personal injury, wrongful death, products liability, and disputes in the financial services industry. I am proactive in representing clients and laser focused on finding the best solution for my clients as quickly, efficiently and effectively as possible.



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With 16 years of experience, I have represented and counseled small and large businesses, including Fortune 500, 100 and 500 corporations, in all phases of employment litigation, consumer litigation, civil litigation, and workers compensation.

I have tried a dozen jury trials and have managed over 250 hearings. I have handled numerous motions before administrative agencies and in court, and have obtained summary judgment in every federal case litigated through dispositive motions. My experience also includes the successful defense of a multitude of administrative complaints before state and federal agencies and lawsuits filed in federal courts across the country.



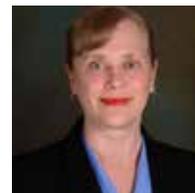
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I am a trial attorney with 37 years of experience representing and counseling insurance companies, third party administrators, and small and large businesses, including Fortune 500 Corporations, on a wide range of complex matters. I have served as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

I have extensive experience with breach of contract claims, fraud and misrepresentation claims, and real estate and commercial litigation matters.



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I have 46 years of experience as a litigator. I strategically manage and supervise litigation from the first notice of a claim through trial and appeal. I have been the lead attorney in over fifty successful jury trials in state and federal courts.

I have successfully defended clients in bench trials and evidentiary hearings before administrative agencies. I have experience handling appeals before Seventh Circuit, Illinois Supreme Court, Illinois Fourth District Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals.



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I litigate as lead counsel with respect to auto/trucking litigation, fire and explosion, product liability, premises liability, toxic tort, and insurance defense matters. With over 8 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.