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Practice Areas

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Product, Tort & Insurance
Litigation

Tort Defense

Trial Work

Bar Memberships

Indiana

Rob concentrates his practice in the areas of product liability, commercial litigation, breach of warranty, lemon law and tort litigation. Rob has experience in Indiana State and Federal courts and routinely represents product manufacturers against product liability and product performance claims throughout Indiana and the Midwest, having handled cases in Indiana as well as 27 other states. Rob has first-chair jury trial experience in more than 25 cases tried to verdict, including product liability, breach of warranty, lemon law and tort claims. He has also tried well over 30 bench trials and arbitrations.

Other Info About Rob

Education

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D., 1996

Ball State University, B.S., 1993, *cum laude*

Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America®, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2016–2027

Selected for inclusion in *Indiana Super Lawyers*®, 2009–2022

Outstanding Young Lawyer, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, 2005

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

Association for Corporate Growth

Defense Research Institute, Products Liability Sub-Committee

Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, President

Civic Activities

Indy Premier Soccer Club, Board of Directors, 2015–present

St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, Fall Festival Committee and Shannon Smiles 5k run/walk race director, Father's Ministry and Welcome Committee

St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, CYO basketball, football and soccer coach

Knights of Columbus, Father Thomas J. Kelley Council No. 6923

Indianapolis Bar Association, Homeless Legal Project, 2011–2015

Indianapolis Monumental Marathon, Board of Directors, 2009–2011

Presentations

"Thanking the Academy, Voir Dire", Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, Rookie Seminar, April 10, 2013

"Voir Dire Basics," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, Rookie Seminar, April 15, 2011

"Electronic Discovery — Document Retention and Responding to Discovery Demands," Harmonie Group, 2008

"Issues Affecting the Trucking Industry," multiple Harmonie Group presentations, Chicago, St. Louis and Toronto, 2008

"Challenges to Expert Witness Testimony," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana annual meeting, 2007

"Opening Statements and Closing Arguments," Indianapolis Bar Association, 2005

"Economic Loss Doctrine and Warranty Litigation," Defense Research Institute, 2005

"Old Tricks, New Dogs, Voir Dire Basics," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, 2005

Major Publications

["On Preemption of Claims against Freight Brokers, Shippers,"](#) The Indiana Lawyer (January 2019)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 51 Ind. L. Rev 1149 (2018)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 50 Ind. L. Rev 1305 (2017)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 49 Ind. L. Rev 1125 (2016)

"Cars of the Future: Product Liability Implications and Solutions," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Annual Civil Litigation Review, 2015

Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, Annual Meeting and Seminar Chair, November 20–21, 2014

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 47 Ind. L. Rev 1129 (2014)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 46 Ind. L. Rev 1151 (2013)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 45 Ind. L. Rev. 1279 (2012)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 44 Ind. L. Rev. 1377 (2011)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 43 Ind. L. Rev. 873 (2010)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 42 Ind. L. Rev. 1093 (2009)

"Daubert in Indiana, Fifteen Years Later—Still Reliable and Still Inconclusive," Indiana Civil Litigation Review, Volume V, No. 2 (2008)

Survey of Recent Developments in Indiana Product Liability Law, 41 Ind. L. Rev. 1165 (2008)

"Rebuttable Presumption Affirmed," The Indiana Lawyer, 2007

"Indiana's Rebuttable Presumption in Product Liability Jury Trials,"
The Indiana Lawyer, 2004

"Electronic Discovery: Suggestions for Resisting Inappropriate
Intrusions," *For The Defense*, 2004

Featured Articles

[Cars of the Future: Product Liability Implications and Solutions](#)

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