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Overview

Chris Lee has tried dozens of trials to verdict. He has extensive experience defending complex civil litigation from its earliest stages to verdict. Although Chris is a first-chair trial lawyer, he often resolves complex matters utilizing creative settlement and resolution strategies. He represents businesses, manufacturers and insurance companies. In addition, he represents contractors and premises owners in claims for unreasonably dangerous work environments, death and business interruption. He has defended manufacturers and premises owners from asbestos and other toxic tort claims for over 20 years.

Chris has a broad based civil litigation practice. Chris frequently manages complex litigation involving numerous attorneys and parties. He is often asked to serve as regional and national counsel to help solve his client's complex multiparty litigation. He has defended several product claims which were subject to Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) processes.

Experience

Products Liability

Chris defends design defect, manufacturing defect and failure to warn claims brought against manufacturers.

Multiparty Litigation/ Asbestos

Chris represents numerous manufacturers and premises defendants in multiparty litigation suits. Chris currently serves as regional counsel for several national companies defending asbestos claims in the Midwest. He also serves as national coordinating counsel for a number of Midwest companies.

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

Insurance carriers and self-insured companies retain Chris to defend a variety of personal injury and wrongful death claims. Chris has tried numerous personal injury cases to verdict. He also represents wholly or partially self-insured companies to limit their liability exposure.

Professional Activities

- Evansville and Indiana State Bar Associations
- Defense Trial Counsel Of Indiana (DTCI), Board Member
- Defense Research Institute

Articles & Presentations

- Chris is a frequent speaker on trial practice and trial advocacy. He has been recognized on numerous occasions for service to his clients and the practice of law.

Awards & Honors

- America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators® for Indiana
- Rated AV® Preeminent™, Martindale-Hubbell®
- Named an Indiana Super Lawyer 2008-2020 and recognized as one of the Top 50 Indiana Super Lawyers in 2020
- Included in "The Best Lawyers in America"® 2016 and 2019 in Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Distinguished Service Award Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award
- Raymond L. White Award for Distinguished Military Service
- Bronze Star, Afghanistan, 2004

Practice Areas

- Asbestos Litigation
- Business Disputes
- Insurance Coverage Counseling & Litigation
- Non-Compete & Non-Disclosure Litigation
- Product Liability
- Trademark Law

Industries Served

- Insurance
- Manufacturing

Bar & Court Admissions

Admitted to the Indiana Bar and U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Indiana

Admitted to the Bars of the United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the United States Supreme Court

Education

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D.

DePauw University, B.A.