

Practice Areas

Product Liability and Complex Torts

Micromobility, Personal Transportation, and Recreational Vehicles
Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Defense Litigation
Commercial Transportation
PFAS Product Stewardship and Strategic Counsel
Catastrophic Injury Defense
Children's Products and Toys
Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS or Drones)
Autonomous and Connected (IoT) Products
Toxic Exposure Liability
Premises Liability
Fire, Battery and Explosion Cases
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
Preventive Measures and Risk Management Strategies
Social Media Investigation of Jurors and Opposing Parties
Food Industry Litigation
Examples of Value Our Team Provides

Catastrophic injuries pose a significant threat to business continuity and financial stability. NJL provides legal representation to businesses and organizations facing lawsuits stemming from such events. As both primary and drop-in trial counsel, we have defended companies around the country in cases involving death and devastating injuries. Our rapid response teams quickly attend site inspections and marshal experts to assist in crafting defenses. When faced with a claim, our team relentlessly pursues optimal outcomes for you. We meticulously evaluate culpability and aggressively defend against unfounded claims, aiming for complete dismissal or minimized damages. Our multifaceted approach empowers you on two fronts:

- **Deep Trial Expertise:** We leverage our extensive trial experience and understanding of juror psychology to craft compelling arguments that resonate in court.

- **Strategic Partnerships:** We collaborate with leading experts to build a comprehensive defense, giving you a strong foundation for negotiations and ultimately achieving the most efficient and cost-effective resolution.

NJL's catastrophic injury defense team defends businesses and organizations against claims arising from:

- Premises and recreational liability
- Product liability
- Workplace accidents
- Other personal injury claims

We recognize the potential for significant financial exposure and reputational damage in these cases. Our comprehensive representation includes:

- Developing preventive measures to reduce risk
- Evaluating allegations, incident reports, and liability potential
- Analyzing relevant regulatory implications
- Obtaining outside expert evaluations
- Negotiating favorable settlements if appropriate
- Developing trial strategy

Representative Experience

- *Hudgens v. Bradford White*: (Bozeman, MT State Court) (deminimus settlement in 2023 on wrongful death and significant personal injury claim resulting from carbon monoxide exposure which resulted in \$15M verdict against remaining defendants)
- *Hernandez v. Hearth & Home Technologies*: (Denver, CO) (nominal settlement in 2021 of significant toddler burn case as a result of caregiver negligence)
- *Bui v. Trollhaugen, et al.* (Polk County Circuit Court)(trial counsel in 2020 personal injury jury trial that resulted in defense verdict)
- *Bluhm v. Soo Line Railroad* (Hennepin County District Court) (won week-long jury trial in FELA case in 2018)
- *Stacy J. Baumberger v. Dakota Minnesota & Eastern Railroad* (Hennepin County District Court, jury trial May 2016) (won a defense verdict as lead trial counsel in a week-long jury trial involving FELA claims that plaintiff suffered disabling injury as a result of the on-the-job activities)
- *James Graham v. Coca-Cola* (Hennepin County District Court, jury trial March 2014) (won a defense verdict as trial counsel in week-long jury trial involving claims that the plaintiff suffered significant injuries due to defendant's alleged negligence)
- *Thompson v. Hirano Tecseed Co., Ltd.*, 456 F.3d 805 (8th Cir. 2006) (defended foreign manufacturer who designed a complex laminator to a buyer's specs)