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Tucker is a passionately competitive litigator with more than a decade of experience.

Tucker is a shareholder who prides himself on being able to competently and successfully achieve his client's goals regardless of the type of litigation. Throughout his career, he has represented a wide variety of clients, including insured individuals, medical professionals, corporations – local and global, and insurance companies in a broad range of cases including mass toxic torts, medical malpractice, construction liability, shareholder derivative actions, premise and product liability, and insurance defense.

While known for his versatility, at present, Tucker's practice is primarily focused on defending mass toxic tort (asbestos, talc, flavoring chemicals, organic/solvents and others); health care liability; and insurance defense cases. His mass toxic tort practice includes serving as managing partner of the firm's Belleville, Ill., toxic tort litigation team that handles more than 1,200 cases for contractor, premise, and product liability defendants in state and federal venues across Illinois and Missouri, including Madison County, St. Clair County, and Cook County in Illinois, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and St. Louis City, Jasper County, and Marion County in Missouri. In this role, Tucker oversees case investigation, discovery, dispositive motion practice, expert discovery, settlement negotiations, and trial preparation. He has helped his clients win motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment, as well as obtain voluntary dismissals.

Tucker's health care liability practice involves representing emergency room physicians, dentists, nursing homes, and medical product distributors against medical, dental, and nursing home malpractice and product liability claims in various circuit courts in the Metro East St. Louis, northern Illinois, and southern Illinois areas, as well as the district

courts of Central and Southern Illinois.

Tucker's insurance defense practice involves working with claims professionals for carriers of various insurance lines and their insureds to defend against a broad range of personal injury claims, including construction, premise, transportation, and product liability. In this role, Tucker is responsible for defending the case from responsive pleading through resolution, whether that be through settlement, dispositive motion or trial.

Prior Legal Experience

Law Clerk, Brustin & Lundblad (2007-2009)

Legal Intern, McCarthy, Callas, Fuhr & Ellison (2005-2007)

Academic Honors and Activities

Associate Editor, Francis D. Morrissey Scholarly Writers

William Powers Scholarship Recipient

Practice Areas

Environmental

Insurance/Toxic Torts

Health Care Liability

Premises and Retail Liability

Product Liability

Transportation

Insurance Law

More About Tucker

Education & Bar Admissions

Education

- The John Marshall School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2009)
- Monmouth College (B.A., 2006)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Recent Achievements

- Best Lawyers - Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions - Defendants (2021-2025)
- Best Lawyers - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2022-2025)
- Emerging Lawyer in the areas of Medical Malpractice Defense Law and Personal Injury Defense Law: General by Law Bulletin Publishing Company's Leading Lawyers, 2017

Professional Affiliations

- ALFA International
- Illinois Defense Counsel, Toxic Tort Law Committee
- Madison County Bar Association

- St. Clair County Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- American Bar Association

Publications

- 2019 IDC Survey of Law (Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel) – Contributor
- Co-Author, "The Evolution of Conspiracy Personal Jurisdiction," Law360, September 2018

Speaking

- Presenter, "Don't Trip Out: Understanding the Tripartite Relationship," Brown & James Webinar, July 2021
- "The Basics of Taking an Effective Fact Witness Deposition in Asbestos Cases & Venue Specific Deposition Tips," Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel webinar (May 2020)
- "A Guide to Practicing in Asbestos Litigation Hotspots," Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel webinar (December 2019)
- "New Asbestos Case Filing Trends and Personal Jurisdiction Issues," Nationwide Insurance's Asbestos Summit (October 2017)
- "Case Law Update and Flood-Related Claims in Missouri and Illinois," Brown & James Law Symposium (January 2016)
- "Litigating the Uninsured & Underinsured Motorist Claim: Evaluating the Case & Ethical Traps to Avoid," National Business Institute (May 2013)