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About Dennis

Dennis defends major manufacturers, distributors, service providers, premises owners, and retailers in mediation and litigation involving product liability, toxic tort, and environmental matters, with a focus on asbestos litigation in Illinois and Missouri. He routinely appears in circuit courts the region and has handled civil trials in St. Louis, Missouri, as well as southern Illinois. He has also handled asbestos cases in Delaware, Kentucky, Rhode Island, California, and New York.

Additionally, Dennis represents clients in other product liability and toxic tort cases related to chemicals, coatings, and appliances.

Dennis' Affiliations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Defense Research Institute

Areas of Focus

Industries: Insurance

Services: Complex Tort & General Casualty; Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling

Experience

- Obtained a complete jury verdict on behalf of a premise owner in a personal injury claim.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for the City of Carbondale in a breach of contract claim alleging more than \$7 million in economic and other damages for failure to provide parcels of land to the plaintiff. The city was defended under its errors and omissions policy of insurance. After four days of trial, a confidential settlement was reached at a figure substantially less than the \$1 million policy limit.
- Represented a lawyer in the successful defense at trial and on appeal, in claims for malpractice by a plaintiff who had defaulted on mortgage payments.
- Secured a complete defense verdict in an alleged staircase slip-and-fall personal injury case, having proved that the steps in question were a uniform height and that there was substantial evidence the plaintiff's injuries may have resulted from an unrelated accident.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, 2023 – 2026; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2023 – 2026
- *Leading Lawyers*, Problem Solvers Award, Insurance/Insurance Coverage/Reinsurance Law; Personal Injury Defense: General; Professional Malpractice Defense; and Workers' Compensation Defense List
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rating

Credentials

Education

Southern Illinois University School of Law, JD, 1984

Illinois College, BA, 1981

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Missouri

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US District Court for the Central District of Illinois

US District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

Thought Leadership

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022