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**Practice Areas**

Construction Law  
Environmental Insurance / Toxic Torts  
Health Care Liability  
Insurance Law  
Premises and Retail Liability  
Product Liability

**Education**

Washington University in St. Louis (J.D., 1982)  
Denison University (B.A., 1979)



Brian R. Plegge's primary focus is the defense of lawsuits involving death or serious injury with long term care requirements. The vast majority of these cases allege Premises Liability, Toxic Chemical Exposure, Medical Malpractice, and Product Liability.

Mr. Plegge has significant trial experience in Illinois as well as Missouri and has tried numerous cases to verdict in both Madison and St. Clair County, Illinois, and seven other southern Illinois counties. He has appeared and argued appellate decisions before the Missouri Supreme Court and Missouri Court of Appeals as well as the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also has significant experience representing insurance companies and corporations based outside of the United States, in particular Japanese corporations and insurance companies. He represents numerous Fortune 500 companies and smaller self-insured organizations as well as various insurance companies.

**Recent Achievements:**

Best Lawyers - Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2011-2018)  
Super Lawyers - Personal Injury - Products: Defense, *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* (2009-2017)  
St. Louis' Best Lawyers - Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants, *St. Louis Magazine* (2011-2013)  
Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating

**Professional Affiliations:**

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis  
Missouri State Bar Association  
Illinois State Bar Association  
Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers  
American Bar Association, Litigation and Torts and Insurance Practice Section  
Trucking Industry Defense Association  
Transportation Lawyers Association

**Bar Admissions:**

Missouri  
Illinois  
Kansas  
U.S District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois  
U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

**Representative Cases:**

*Lindemann v. Lawder*, 122 S.W.3d 693 (Mo.App. E.D. 2003)  
*Ratliff v. Schiber Truck Co., Inc.*, 150 F.3d 949 (8th Cir. (MO) 1998)  
*Tatum v. Van Liner Ins. Co. of Fenton, Mo.*, 104 F.3d 233 (8th Cir. (Mo.) 1997)  
*Southern General Ins. Co. v. WEB Associates/Electronics Inc.*, 879 S.W.2d 780 (Mo.App. 1994)  
*M.L. v. Civil Air Patrol*, 806 F.Supp. 845 (E.D. Mo. 1992)  
*Matter of Kinghorn*, 764 S.W.2d 939 (Mo. 1989)  
*Lick Creek Sewer Systems, Inc. v. Bank of Bourbon*, 747 S.W.2d 317 (Mo. App. S.D. 1988)  
*Risse v. APV Anderson Bros.*, 714 S.W.2d 922 (Mo. App. E.D. 1986)  
*Chura v. Bank of Bourbon*, 674 S.W.2d 675 (Mo. App. S.D. 1984)  
*Blank v. Ripley*, 724 F.2d 88, 724 F.2d 88 (8th Cir. (Mo.) 1983)