



John P. Loring | Partner

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John Loring is an experienced civil trial attorney who focuses his practice on nationwide products liability, aviation and commercial litigation matters. This experience includes the successful resolution of matters involving claims of breach of contract and civil rights violations. John counsels clients in all phases of litigation from inception through trial. He has served as lead trial counsel and has experience conducting mediations and arbitrations, as well as drafting motions and appeals. In addition, John has successfully defended numerous actions in state and federal courts throughout the United States.

John's clients use his services to assist with early case assessment and settlement strategies designed to facilitate resolution and curtail the time and expense involved in litigation. Clients appreciate his responsiveness and broad, business-savvy perspective when handling high-exposure cases in venues throughout the country.

E-DISCOVERY

John has substantial experience managing the collection, review and production of electronically stored information (ESI). He has been called on to take the lead in e-Discovery projects, including working with clients in understanding the scope of their ESI, advising on retention policies, choosing the appropriate e-Discovery vendor to cull and collect data, and using e-Discovery platforms to review documents for production.

TOXIC TORTS

John serves as lead trial counsel for several Midwest corporations involved in toxic tort cases in Wisconsin, Illinois and California. He has extensive experience representing various product and premises defendants in all aspects of toxic tort litigation, including retention and management of local counsel. John has litigated toxic tort cases to completion in New York, California, Wisconsin, Illinois and Pennsylvania. In an effort to maintain the highest level of knowledge and awareness, John frequently makes presentations and accepts invitations to write articles on important toxic tort issues.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

John is experienced in defending a variety of product liability matters, including industrial equipment, consumer household products and construction equipment. Matters have included claims for wrongful death, catastrophic personal injury and breach of warranty. John draws on his substantial courtroom and case management experience to assist clients in reducing risk and avoiding future claims.

AVIATION

John is an integral part of the Wilson Elser aviation team and has substantial experience defending large international clients in high-profile cases throughout the United States and internationally. This experience includes handling a products liability case venued in Europe for a U.S.-based military contractor and successfully resolving a case based on the application of the government contractor defense. John also has experience in aviation law, representing airlines, commercial helicopter operators, aircraft parts manufacturers and aircraft service providers. In addition, he has defended numerous wrongful death, personal injury, property, baggage and product liability claims as they relate to the airline industry.

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BAR ADMISSIONS

California
Wisconsin
Minnesota

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D., 2002
Marquette University, B.A., 1998

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Milwaukee Bar Association
Defense Research Institute of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Defense Counsel



Kevin Christensen | Partner

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Kevin Christensen focuses his practice primarily on construction litigation, insurance issues and litigation matters involving employment disputes, professional liability, and retail and premises liability. He is a well-respected resource for construction-related clients and their insurers in handling cases from discovery and motion practice, through mediation or arbitration, to trial and appeal when necessary.

Kevin is also experienced in handling professional liability matters involving physicians and allied health professionals and facilities, design professionals, defending negligence suits in complex construction defect and injury claims. In his involvement with numerous design professional cases, Kevin has made good use of the firm's robust network of forensic consultants and construction experts in all areas. Their knowledge and credibility substantially increase the likelihood of positive legal outcomes.

CONSTRUCTION

Kevin has extensive litigation experience in both federal and state courts and in alternative dispute resolution proceedings representing general contractors, subcontractors from all trades, engineers and home building inspectors in complex construction litigation. He frequently represents material suppliers as well as design professionals in large, complex building/construction defect disputes.

MEDIATION

Having served as a litigator and counselor to insurers and contractors for more than 25 years, Kevin understands the risks, expense and adverse effects that protracted litigation can have on a company. He uses that experience and background to effect claim or case resolution through mediation, resolving disputes quickly and efficiently by giving the parties more involvement and greater control over the process and outcome. Kevin's unique style and personality along with his formal mediation training through Northwestern University's comprehensive mediation program brings parties together to resolve their disputes, keeping in focus the ultimate goal. He is familiar with the relationships at issue and promotes a fair resolution benefiting all in many types of cases, including construction defect disputes, job site personal injury claims and a variety of other litigated matters

RETAIL & PREMISES LITIGATION

Kevin's retail litigation experience includes representation of large retailers in premises liability litigation, employment dispute and vendor agreement disputes. In all these practice areas, Kevin has extensive jury trial experience and has participated in numerous arbitrations and administrative proceedings.

TRANSPORTATION LITIGATION

In addition to his other practice areas, Kevin has handled litigation involving transportation issues, including truck accidents and resulting personal injury. His experience in transportation law includes handling complex litigated personal injury cases arising out of trucker/driver negligence in operation, transport company standard operating procedures, and consideration of adherence to trucking regulations and limitations. Kevin's general litigation and trial experience is particularly suited to this area of practice where he is called upon to assess significant personal injury claims.

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EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION

Kevin understands that each client has particular business needs that can dictate the direction taken when employment-related claims arise. In conferring with clients, he takes into consideration the demands of their industries, the history of their businesses and what outcomes would constitute success. Kevin takes full advantage of Wilson Elser's size and structure to tap into the experience and knowledge of the firm's Employment & Labor practice attorneys and others, working "cross practice" to achieve the best outcome for each client.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wisconsin

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D., 1990
University of Wisconsin–Madison, B.S., 1986

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court, Eastern and
Western Districts of Wisconsin
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Selected for inclusion in *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*,
2011–2019
AV® Overall Peer Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Wisconsin State Bar
American Bar Association
DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar

ANTONIO P. CATALANO, ESQ.
EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

Antonio (Tony) Catalano began his legal career in 2005 upon graduating from Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As an associate with the law firm of Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan, L.L.P., Mr. Catalano represented clients in both business and litigation matters ranging from corporate acquisitions to insurance defense litigation.

In 2006 Mr. Catalano joined Kohl's Department Stores as in-house legal counsel. Mr. Catalano managed a wide array of business and litigation matters across many different departments such as IT, finance, credit, facilities, HR, logistics and transportation departments.

In 2011 Mr. Catalano accepted the position of Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for Rite-Hite Holding Corporation. Rite-Hite is a privately held global manufacturer, sales, and service provider of material handling, loading dock, and safety equipment. As part of Rite-Hite's executive group Mr. Catalano helps guide the Company's future growth and in achieving its strategic objectives. As General Counsel, Mr. Catalano is responsible for all legal functions related to the 2,200+ employee global operations including global contract review and negotiation with both customers and distributors, global litigation management, data retention and security issues, domestic and global mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, employment and HR matters, regulatory compliance, risk management and compliance, and real estate acquisitions and leasing.

Mr. Catalano graduated from Marquette University Law School in 2005 and received his undergraduate degrees from Wheaton College (MA) in 2000.