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Practice Areas

- Appellate Work
- Automobile Accident Defense
- Bad Faith
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Construction Defect Litigation
- Contract Disputes
- Coverage Litigation
- Dram Shop Litigation
- Fire and Explosion Litigation
- Fraud Defense/EUO
- Jail and Prison Liability
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- Products Liability
- Transportation Defense
- UM/UIM
- Wrongful Death Defense

Lizabeth has been practicing law since 1996 and has extensive experience in a variety of litigation matters. She focuses her practice in general liability, personal injury, civil rights, automobile negligence, including third-party liability and no-fault. She also has handled contract disputes, fire and explosion claims, construction defect matters, subrogation, professional liability, home insurance claims, coverage, and premises liability cases for a variety of companies and insurance carriers.

Throughout her career, Liz has tried more than 40 cases to verdict as lead or second chair. She has defended cases for several insurance companies on matters involving coverage and liability. Liz excels at devising litigation plans and engages in all phases of pretrial preparation. She is adept at navigating and complying with litigation and reporting guidelines imposed by multiple insurance companies, third-party administrators, and self-insured clients. She is dedicated to maintaining a primary focus on obtaining the best results for her clients.

Presentations and Publications

- [“Recently Rejected, Connecticut Rule, Changes the Game for Landowners,”](#) *NRRDA Newsletter* (June 2015)

Trial and Case Highlights

- On a construction case, Liz’s use of surveillance made an impact in the jury trial. The plaintiff, working from the roof on a movie theater, fell after not tying off and attempting to walk backward. He claimed physical and mental damages in the amount of \$13 million. Liz noticed a dramatic difference in his behavior in the courtroom and suggested the use of surveillance. The video produced evidence of the plaintiff outside of the courtroom showing significant improvement in his demeanor and mental state, which called into question the severity of his injuries. This resulted in a hung jury and the case was eventually settled later for a significantly decreased amount.
- On a case involving an automobile accident, the plaintiff, a high school student, was rear-ended by the defendant. Although there was no visible damage to her vehicle, the plaintiff claimed a variety of physical injuries and attributed them to the incident. Liz obtained a defense verdict when the defense compared the lack of damage to the vehicle to the overinflated story of the plaintiff.

Admissions

- Illinois
- Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

Education

- Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D.
- Michigan State University, B.S.