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Practice Areas

- Appellate Work
- Automobile Accident Defense
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Mediation
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- PIP
- Retail and Restaurant (Premises Liability)
- Transportation Defense
- UM/UIM
- Wrongful Death Defense

Rob Hickey represents companies and individuals in the defense and resolution of a variety of liability claims, including property damage, personal injury, home insurance claims, and wrongful death. He defends, litigates, and resolves trucking liability claims throughout the State of Kentucky.

In over twenty-eight years of legal practice, Rob has participated in more than one hundred jury trials and has taught trial practice techniques to attorneys. Although he is an aggressive litigator, he maintains a client-centered and result-oriented approach to effective and efficient claim resolution. In addition to a successful trial practice in state and federal courts, he has successfully argued appeals before the Kentucky Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Rob regularly provides rapid response services and is available 24 hours to protect the legal interests of truck drivers and trucking companies immediately after a major loss. He has presented educational seminars to trucking organizations, insurance companies, and third party administrators. Rob has authored numerous articles for local, state, and national legal publications. He was formerly a felony prosecutor in Kentucky who led the

Fatal Accident Support Team, focusing on vehicular assault and homicide prosecution. In addition, Rob has been Martindale Hubbell™ Rated AV® Preeminent™; this is the highest possible peer review rating in legal ability and ethical standards.

Admissions

- Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Education

- University of Louisville, J.D.
- University of Louisville, B.A.

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
- Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Kentucky Defense Counsel
- Kentucky Trucking Association

Presentations and Publications

- Surveillance: Should You or Shouldn't You?
- The Fear Factor in Settlements
- The Case Against Punitive Damages in Civil Lawsuits
- A Backward Approach to Resolving, Defending and Evaluating Trucking Liability Claims Defending Questionable Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Claims
- The American Jury Trial: Still Alive and Kicking
- Bigotry as a Factor in Evaluating Liability Claims
- The Company Representative in Litigation
- Credibility in Litigation
- Defending a Distracted Driving Negligence Claim
- Surveillance in the Twenty-First Century

- Shocking the Conscience: The Effect of Emotion on a Liability Claim
- Battling Bias Against Truckers (co-authored)
- Aggressively Defending Negligent Hiring Claims
- Expert Witnesses – Use 'em? Or Lose 'em?
- Litigation Hold Policies
- You Got Sued? Have No Fear!
- Fair Trials and Deep Pockets
- The Uncooperative Truck Driver Client

Trial and Case Highlights

Reported Decisions

- Commonwealth v. Halsell, 934 S.W.2d 552 (Ky. 1996)
- Progressive N. Ins. Co. v. Corder, 15 S.W.3d 381 (Ky. 2000)
- Weixler v. Paris Co., 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 444 (W.D. Ky. Jan. 2, 2003)
- McGuire v. Alpinestars S.P.A., 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12723 (W.D. Ky. June 22, 2005)
- Hickman v. J & M Freight Lines, LLC, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7561 (W.D. Ky. Jan. 31, 2007)
- Osborne v. Pinsonneault, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17076 (W.D. Ky. Mar. 2, 2007)
- Steel Tech., Inc. v. Congleton, 234 S.W.3d 920 (Ky. 2007)
- Osborne v. Pinsonneault, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 29695 (W.D. Ky. Apr. 10, 2008)
- Oaks v. Wiley Sanders Truck Lines, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 56448 (E.D. Ky. July 22, 2008)
- Oaks v. Wiley Sanders Truck Lines, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 68705 (E.D. Ky. Sep. 8, 2008)
- Oaks v. Wiley Sanders Truck Lines, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 109111 (E.D. Ky. Nov. 10, 2008)
- Taylor v. SCI Ky. Funeral Servs., Inc., 2009 Ky. App. Unpub. LEXIS 320 (Ct. App. Mar. 27, 2009)
- Osborne v. Pinsonneault, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33957 (W.D. Ky. Apr. 20, 2009)
- Mafcote Indus. v. Estes Express Lines, Inc., 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20368 (W.D. Ky. Mar. 5, 2010)
- Labuy v. Peck, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 113966 (E.D. Ky. Oct. 25, 2010)
- Miller Truck Lines, LLC v. Central Refrigerated Serv., 781 F. Supp. 2d 488 (W.D. Ky. 2011)
- Labuy v. Peck, 790 F. Supp. 2d 601 (E.D. Ky. 2011)
- Southard v. Belanger, 966 F. Supp. 2d 727 (W.D. Ky. 2013)
- Masterson v. Siemens Indus., 2014 Ky. App. Unpub. LEXIS 838 (Ct. App. Oct. 31, 2014)

- Ryder Integrated Logistics, Inc. v. Cordell Transp. Co., LLC, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27556 (W.D. Ky. Mar. 6, 2015)
- Wallace v. Zero Co., 2015 Ky. App. Unpub. LEXIS 452 (Ct. App. June 19, 2015)
- Roach v. Hughes, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 84379 (W.D. Ky. June 29, 2015)
- Ryder Integrated Logistics, Inc. v. Cordell Transp. Co., LLC, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 110767 (W.D. Ky. Aug. 21, 2015)
- Roach v. Hughes, 4:13-CV-00136-JHM, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 192835 (W.D. Ky. Mar. 9, 2016)
- Warren v. Sheba Logistics, LLC, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 32097 (W.D. Ky. Mar. 11, 2016)
- King Joseph X v. Liberty Mut. Grp., Inc., 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16511 (W.D. Ky. Feb. 1, 2018)