



Tracy Knox serves as lead counsel in complex product liability, commercial and real estate litigation matters. He offers a particular focus on defending product manufacturers in major fire and explosion lawsuits, as well as in resolving real property and business valuation disputes in a variety of contexts.

Tracy has defended major corporations and other businesses in complex product liability claims involving serious injuries, loss of life, multimillion-dollar property damage and business interruption losses. For many years, Tracy has represented the world's largest manufacturer of home appliances in the defense of product liability claims in federal and state courts nationally and in Canada.

These matters involve defense of fire, explosion and water loss claims alleging defects in a variety of products, including dryers, washers, microwave ovens, refrigeration, ice makers and other compressor products, dishwashers and cleaning products. The claims and lawsuits have involved property damage, personal injury (burns, broken bones, lacerations, amputations and electric shock) and wrongful death. His product liability experience is diverse, including the resolution of claims prior to suit and resolution through trial and appeal.

Tracy is valued for his direct, straight forward and clear communication skills. A West Point graduate, 10-year Army veteran and former company commander, Tracy brings a sense of leadership and direction to the defense of lawsuits. He knows, from hands-on experience, the importance of understanding a client's business model and aligning the functions of outside counsel with internal business operations to the extent feasible. He works diligently and effectively with engineers and other experts to substantiate his client's position and develop cogent, persuasive arguments in their defense. Tracy understands that the effective defense of a product requires a deep understanding of the design principles behind the product.

After graduation from law school in 1991, Tracy resumed active military service with the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps as a

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EDUCATION

Notre Dame Law School, (J.D.), summa cum laude, 1991, member of Notre Dame Law Review, Dean Joseph O'Meara Award for outstanding academic achievement

United States Military Academy at West Point, (B.S.), international affairs, 1984

BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

Michigan

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

U.S. Supreme Court

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

paratrooper at Fort Bragg, N.C. While at Fort Bragg, he gained litigation experience prosecuting military courts-martial and, as a special assistant U.S. attorney, prosecuting felony offenses in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Following his military service, Tracy practiced with a Detroit, Michigan, product liability litigation firm before joining Barnes & Thornburg in 1995.

He has been a frequent lecturer on legal topics before local construction industry trade organizations.

Professional and Community Involvement

Adjunct faculty, University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business, business law

Honors

BTI Client Service All-Star, 2023

The Best Lawyers in America, 2012-2024

Indiana Super Lawyers, 2018

Arbitration/Alternative Dispute Resolution

Commercial Litigation

Construction

Contract Litigation

Litigation

Product Liability and Mass Torts

Toxic Substances and Other Torts

UCC Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Education