



## Colleen A. Lomax

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### Overview

Colleen handles business and product liability litigation. In recent years, she has taken twenty cases to verdict as the lead trial lawyer in Arizona, Wisconsin, South Carolina, and Ohio. Notable clients have included Cricket® lighters, La Petite Academy, Kraft Foods Global, DeVry University, Ottertail Corporation and PACCAR, maker of Kenworth and Peterbilt trucks.

### Education

- ◆ University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., cum laude, 1989
- ◆ Smith College, B.A., 1984



### Experience

#### Commercial and product liability litigation experience

- ◆ Defended financial institutions such as banks, third-party loan administrators, brokers, and insurers against claims by other financial institutions, mortgagors, trustors, and insureds.
- ◆ Handled Arizona and Wisconsin commercial litigation cases for business owners and boards of directors involving preliminary injunctions, business torts, contract disputes, shareholder derivative and class action claims, employment claims and covenants not to compete, and premises liability.
- ◆ Represented large wholesale grocery distribution operation in all Arizona business litigation.
- ◆ Litigated national class action claims on behalf of national insurance companies as well as drug and medical device manufacturers.

### Services

#### State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Arizona, 1995
- ◆ Wisconsin, 1989

#### Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States Supreme Court, 1997
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1997
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1997
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Arizona, 1995
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1992
- ◆ United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1989
- ◆ United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 1989

- ◆ Represented significant product manufacturers such as Kraft Foods, Daewoo, PACCAR, Sherwood, NACCO, Snap-On Tools, Briggs & Stratton, and other Fortune 500 corporations in Arizona product liability and personal injury litigation.
- ◆ Represented Wisconsin manufacturers such as Fort James Paper and A.O. Smith Corporation in Wisconsin product liability litigation that culminated in successful jury trials.

Jury trial experience

- ◆ Tried cases to verdict for manufacturer of Cricket® lighters in Wisconsin, Ohio and South Carolina; National trial counsel for all commercial and product liability litigation, most recently handling multi-million cases in Texas, Missouri, and Pennsylvania.
- ◆ Tried commercial, employment, and product liability cases to verdict for national manufacturers and businesses such as GIANT Bicycle, Praxair Corporation, Cyprus Minerals Corporation, United Dairymen of Arizona, and Medical College of Wisconsin.
- ◆ National trial counsel for national childcare and preschool business, most recently handling cases in Arizona, Wisconsin, Florida, and New Mexico.
- ◆ Milwaukee Special Assistant Prosecutor, trying over a dozen criminal misdemeanor cases to verdict in four months.
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Professional Affiliations

- ◆ State Bar of Arizona
  - ◇ Past chair and ex officio member, Trial Practice Section Executive Council
- ◆ State Bar of Wisconsin
  - ◇ Litigation Group
- ◆ American Bar Association
  - ◇ Litigation, Torts and Insurance Practice Sections
- ◆ Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- ◆ Milwaukee Special Assistant District Attorney, June-September 1993

Notable

Accolades

- ◆ Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America, (A trial lawyer honorary society, with membership limited to one-half of one percent of American lawyers, and by invitation only)
- ◆ Awarded the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, AV® Preeminent™ (AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies)
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® (Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, S.C.)
- ◆ Named to 2019 Southwest Super Lawyers® list (Business Litigation, 2007-present)