

General Civil Litigation

At Looper Reed & McGraw, our Civil Litigation team has developed one of the most experienced and respected litigation practices in the state of Texas. Our section includes an established group of trial lawyers who have served clients (both plaintiffs and defendants) all over the United States in matters involving toxic torts, product liability, negligence, and premises liability.

Our team is equipped to handle and is often called upon to assist plaintiffs and defendants in complex cases involving serious impacts on human health and real property. Our services include the providing of preventative litigation strategies, crisis management and public relations expertise. Our practice is centered on bringing an effective approach to protecting and serving our clients in all aspects of litigation including jury trials, bench trials, injunction proceedings, alternative dispute resolution, and appellate matters.

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We have successfully handled thousands of personal injury, wrongful death, and property damage claims arising out of claimed exposure to: Asbestos, Benzene, Vinyl Chloride, Paints, Solvents and Thinners, Trichloroethylene, Pesticides, Herbicides, and Agricultural chemicals, Silica Sand, Isocyanates, Titanium Dioxide, PCBs, Dioxin, and Hydrocarbons. In addition, we are experienced in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); ground water contamination, and other environmental pollution matters.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Product liability law governs the potential liability of manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and vendors for damages caused by allegedly dangerous or defective products. In addition to representing plaintiffs, Looper Reed & McGraw represents a large number of corporations facing product liability and mass tort actions involving an array of claims for personal injuries, property damages and economic losses. Our attorneys have gained a preeminent reputation for protecting large and small clients in cases involving manufacturing equipment, cranes, turbine generators, construction equipment, pharmaceuticals, front-end loaders, and lawn equipment.

NEGLIGENCE

Our Civil Litigation team is often called upon to prosecute or defend clients, large and small, in cases involving claims of negligence, which have resulted in personal injury, wrongful death and property damage. Whether these claims result from a vehicle collision, professional negligence or equipment failure, the one thing they have in common is that they were usually unexpected. By the same token, the uncertainty of today's litigation can create apprehension and anxiety on behalf of our client, their family and/or their business. To that end, our team takes great care to walk our client through every step of the process while advising them of all avenues, recoveries and/or defenses, which may be available to them. The ultimate goal is to bring the case to a prompt conclusion in a way that is fair and satisfactory to our client.

PREMISES LIABILITY

At Looper Reed & McGraw, we handle a vast array of premises liability cases. Our litigation team is well trained in recognizing and understanding the nuances involved in determining the status of the plaintiff and the duty owed by the defendant. Some of the cases we have represented include:

- Missing rails on stairways
- Rotten wood on steps and porches
- Potholes in streets or sidewalks
- Inadequate security in public places and the foreseeability of criminal acts
- Poor lighting in parking lots and building entryways
- Foreign objects on walkways
- Unsafe store displays
- Merchandise stacked on high shelves at big-box retailers

In addition, our team enjoys a diverse area of expertise in hearing loss and the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA).

Our own understanding of the science, medicine, and regulations on which these cases turn permits us to communicate effectively with clients (operations and legal personnel) in the parlance of their own industry. Additionally, our paralegals' specialized training and experience in identifying and organizing key information from the vast quantities of factual materials produced in the discovery process greatly enhances the presentation to experts and courts, and increases client value in the litigation process.

We are a knowledgeable law firm that places every effort into obtaining superior results for every single one of our clients. Our lawyers understand the importance of accessibility and responsiveness. We strive to maintain strong communications with clients, to be available to answer their questions, and to keep them informed of the status of their case and actions taken on their behalf. Our attorneys work in and out of the courtroom to provide our clients with the desired result. We believe that alternative dispute resolution methods, such as mediation, often offer effective solutions.