

Retail

Attorneys in our retail group handle all types of claims involved in the retail field, both before and after claims are filed. We provide clients with both defense trial skills and assistance in reducing overall risks. Our goal is to partner with our clients to handle their business matters most efficiently, through training, response, and ultimate litigation, if needed.

Our attorneys are experienced in all areas of litigation, including trial and utilization of alternative dispute resolution techniques. We have decades of trial experience, but also will advocate the use of mediation and pre-trial conferences to resolve cases where appropriate. In addition, group members serve as independent arbitrators and have served as arbitrators for the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program.

Industry Leaders

Our attorneys are available to assist in the investigation of major retail-related claims. We formulate on-site defense strategies, protect privileged communications, and counsel employees.

Areas of Practice

Our attorneys are specifically trained to defend the types of claims faced by retailers including:

- Premises liability (such as falling merchandise and slip and fall claims)
- Product liability, including indemnification and reviewing/drafting vendor contracts
- Malicious prosecution/false arrest
- Third-party criminal acts
- Pharmacy liability
- Providing emergency response services during catastrophic incidents

Innovative Solutions

We provide our clients with:

- Detailed initial evaluations and defense plans, within 60 to 90 days
- Settlement options such as our Pre-Trial Conference Program and/or plans for Alternative Dispute Resolution

PROFESSIONALS

Craig Cappas
Partner

Lew R.C. Bricker
Managing Partner

Heather A. Bub
Partner

Julia Cormier
Associate

Caroline Mazurek Cozzi
Associate

Aldo Huitzil
Partner

Christine King-Ries
Paralegal

Patrick J. Lubenow
Of Counsel

Eric A. Pagnamenta
Senior Counsel

Joe Trevino
Partner

Brandi White
Nurse Analyst

- Claim prevention (including store employee and adjuster training)

Experience

Obtained Summary Judgment for a National Beverage Corporation in a Trip & Fall Case

Obtained Dismissal of a Wisconsin Safe Place Statute Violation Claim Against Retail Client

Obtained Dismissal of Negligence Claim Against Grocery Client

Obtained Summary Judgment in a Personal Injury Matter

Defended a Newspaper Company Against Negligence and Safe Place Claims

Represented a Window Manufacturer in a Case Involving a Minor Death

Obtained Summary Judgment on Behalf of Premises Owner

Represented a National Auto Parts Store in a Property Damage Lawsuit

Successfully Defended a Large Grocery Store Chain Against Negligence and Wisconsin Safe Place Claims

Firm News

Several Amundsen Davis Service Groups Named in the 2026 Edition of Best Law Firms®

Firm News, November 6, 2025

Retail Service Group Adds Senior Counsel Aldo Huitzil

Firm News, May 27, 2025

Attorney Julia Cormier Joins Amundsen Davis

Firm News, November 6, 2024

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Firm News

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Caroline Mazurek Cozzi

Firm News, August 14, 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

36 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023

Firm News, August 18, 2022

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Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2021 Missouri Super Lawyers List
Amundsen Davis, November 18, 2021

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2021 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Amundsen Davis, November 18, 2021

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Michelle A. Rakestraw to Retail Group
October 26, 2021

USLAW Releases 2021 Retail and Hospitality Compendium of Law Firm News, *USLAW*, April 2021

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on the 2020 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Amundsen Davis, November 17, 2020

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on the 2020 Missouri Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Amundsen Davis, November 16, 2020

Heather Bub Named Rising Star at the 18th Annual Women's Justice Awards
Missouri Lawyers Media, April 14, 2016

In the Media

III. Attys Hope Virtual Hearings Will Endure Post-Pandemic – *Law360* Interviews and Quotes Lew Bricker
Media Mention, *Law360*, March 12, 2021

USLAW Releases 2018 Retail and Hospitality Compendium of Law Media Mention, *USLAW*, May 2018

Alerts

Will Greenwashing Cost Your Company the Green? Mitigating 'Greenwashing' Litigation: Defining the Issue and Identifying Strategies
Article, *Amundsen Davis Business Litigation Alert*, November 22, 2024

Events

Artificial Intelligence: Concerns and Solutions for In-House Counsel Speaking Engagement, ISBA Corporate Law Departments; Webcast, March 19, 2024

USLAW Network Virtual Worldwide Retreat: 2021 and Beyond
USLAW Network, Webcast, September 30, 2020 - October 9, 2020