

General Liability

Amundsen Davis was built on a defense litigation foundation more than 25 years ago. Our litigators have tried thousands of cases across the country rigorously defending insureds on behalf of insurance carriers and self-insured entities against catastrophic personal injury and property damage claims. We are a team of skilled litigators who are also skilled in the art of negotiation and dispute resolution. We understand that each case is a business decision. We will guide you every step of the way, through the investigation, information gathering and litigation process, and including how to preserve and protect sensitive and necessary information.

We represent our clients in private or commercial settings in construction accidents, vehicular impacts, premises liability suits, common carrier claims, trucking and transportation matters, fraud claims, defamation suits and other tort matters. We also handle third party employer liability claims in the construction setting, contract claims, dram shop matters and UIM cases.

We know how to budget, strategize and staff matters so cases are handled effectively and efficiently. We keep our clients informed and keep the budget top of mind every step of the way. We utilize the latest technology to manage large document intensive cases and create innovative courtroom presentations. When handling the sensitive information that inevitably gets uncovered during investigations, we take cyber security precautions to protect your information.

We work as your business partners throughout each matter. We understand the impact of litigation and know that it isn't always the client's preferred road to resolution. While our trial and appellate experience is extensive, we also find creative solutions through alternative dispute resolution.

Experience

Not Guilty Verdict Obtained for Owner of Vehicle Transport Company in Lawsuit

Obtained Defense Verdict In a Defamation and False Arrest Lawsuit

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

Secured Summary Judgment for Municipal Transportation Agency in Personal Injury Case

Secured Dismissal With Prejudice in Duty-of-Care Claims Against Municipal Corporation

PROFESSIONALS

Matthew Kees
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Partner

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Partner

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Associate

Sarah N. Castle
Associate

Annalise Castner
Associate

Dennis J. Cotter
Partner

Caroline Mazurek Cozzi
Associate

Defended Police Department, Negotiated Fair Settlement in a Wrongful Death Suit

Secured Numerous Judgments on Award in Personal Injury Case for Municipal Transportation Agency

Defense Win in Commercial Roof Collapse Coverage Dispute

Negotiated the Settlement of a Lawsuit for a Jewelry and Accessory Business

Obtained Summary Judgment for an Indiana Municipality in a Personal Injury Claim

Secured a Dismissal for an Indiana County Sheriff's Department Regarding Claims of Property Damage, Negligence and Excessive Force

Successfully Achieved Summary Judgment for an Indiana County in a Catastrophic Bodily Injury Claim

Won a Motion for Summary Judgement for a Surgical Center

Obtained a Motion to Dismiss for an Insured in a Breach of Contract, Fraud, Consumer Fraud and Civil Conspiracy Case

Successfully Won Summary Judgement for an RV Dealership

Secured a Favorable Verdict for the Insured in a Jury Trial Regarding an Automobile Accident in Cleveland, Ohio

Won Summary Judgment on Behalf of an Ambulance Service and it's Driver

Secured a Defense Verdict in Favor of the Insured in a Traumatic Brain Injury Jury Trial

Won Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Major Retailer and Pharmacist

Won Summary Judgment and Sanctions for Construction Client in the Circuit Court of Cook County

Defense Verdict Secured for Emergency Physician in Medical Negligence Case

Successful Dismissal of Medical Scheduling Company in High-Stakes Case

Rare FELA Not Guilty Verdict Obtained in a Case Against a Commuter Rail Provider

Successfully Defended a Corporate Entity in Multi-Million Dollar Wrongful Death Suit

Obtained Favorable Verdict in Bench Trial

Successfully Defended an Appeal of Custody Order

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Associate

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Senior Counsel

Terese A. Drew
Partner

Brian Ebener
Senior Counsel

Daniel Faust
Senior Counsel

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Partner

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Associate

Edward C. Harcourt
Partner

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Senior Counsel

Rebekah A. Jones
Paralegal

Danielle Kay
Paralegal

Christine King-Ries
Paralegal

Successfully Dismissed Contribution Action

Represented a City Against Allegations of Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation

Obtained Summary Judgment for a Hardware Store in a Premises Liability Action

Successfully Moved for a Dismissal of an Amended Complaint with Prejudice Where the Plaintiff Changed Basic Factual Allegations Between the Initial and Amended Pleading

Secured Summary Judgment for an Exterior Construction Contractor in a Slip and Fall Case

Received a Defense Verdict for a Client Who Conducts Studies for FDA Approval

Defended a Construction Manager on Appeal Following Successful Summary Judgment on a Plaintiff's Claims of Construction Negligence and Premises Liability

Received a Defense Verdict in a Medical Negligence Case for an Emergency Physician, Alleged to Have Failed to Detect a Retained Piece of Wood

Prevailed on a Motion of Summary Judgment and Subsequent Appeal on Behalf of a General Contractor in a Premises Liability and Construction Negligence Claim

Obtained a Defense Verdict in a Medical Negligence Case for an Emergency Physician Who Allegedly Failed to Properly Explore and Clean a Wound

Obtained a Full Defense Verdict on Behalf of His Client for a Frivolously Filed Lawsuit Related to an Alleged Illegal Tow on the Client's Property

Obtained Summary Judgment for a Cement Company

Secured a Jury Verdict Less Than What Was Offered at Settlement After a Collision at a Stop Sign

Obtained a Defense Verdict in a Medical Negligence Case for an Emergency Physician, Alleged to Have Failed to Diagnose an Infection

Won a Defense Verdict for an Emergency Room Physician After He Allegedly Failed to Diagnose Toxic Shock Syndrome

Won a Unanimous Defense Verdict for a Doctor Who Was Alleged to Have Failed to Diagnose and Treat Hernia and Urinary Retention

Won a Motion to Dismiss for a Property Owner and Management Group in a Premises Liability Matter

Successfully Transferred Cases for a Global Services Provider from Cook County to Venues Where the Injury Occurred or Where the Plaintiff's Reside

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Andrew Kirtley
Associate

Kathleen Michel Kivarkis
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Partner

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Paralegal

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Jasmin N. Meisinger
Associate

Mark E. Middendorff
Senior Counsel

Luis A. Muñiz
Senior Counsel

Ross Murphy
Associate

Michael Nega
Associate

Jennifer Neumann
Paralegal

Obtained Favorable Settlement on Behalf of a Defendant for Claims Arising from Vehicle Purchase

Secured Summary Judgment for Parents of Teenage Son After Alleged Negligent Supervision

Secured a Dismissal with Prejudice of All Claims Brought by a Project's General Contractor for a Major Wisconsin Contractor in an Arbitration

Obtained Summary Judgment for a Defendant Who Owned an Allegedly Defective Ladder that Caused Injuries to the Plaintiff

Successfully Defended a Building Management Company Against a Personal Injury Claim Following a Slip and Fall Incident

Defense Verdict in a Four-Day Retrial of a Gender Discrimination Case

Defended a Manufacturer in a Liability Lawsuit Where an Individual's Leg was Amputated

Successfully Represented a Hotel in a Massive Claim of Alleged Food Poisoning

Won Summary Judgment for a Food Processing Company

Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of a Premises Owner Whose Daughter Allegedly Assaulted the Plaintiff

Handled a Contested Liability Lawsuit where the Plaintiff was Left a Quadriplegic

Represented Group of Orthopedic Surgeons in a Slip and Fall Incident

Obtained Summary Judgment for a Premises Owner

Obtained Zero Liability Judgment Following a Mandatory Arbitration Proceeding in a Case Involving a Tree Falling from the Client's Property onto a Roadway

Successfully Dismissed a Case after an Individual Accused a Corporate Executive of Rear-ending Him on a Business Trip

Tried a Jury Trial Wherein the Plaintiff's Widow Alleged Host Liability

Represented Young Adult Involved in Serious Motor Vehicle Accident

Won a Court Trial in a Small Claims Matter Involving Negligence

Obtained Zero Liability Judgment Following a Mandatory Arbitration Proceeding in a Slip and Fall Case

Represented a Driver Alleged to Have Been Negligent During a Lane Change

Defended an Electrical Contractor Against Negligence and Safe Place Claims

General Liability

Anthony C. Nicholson
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Special Counsel

Emily R. Schroeder
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Angela Seidner
Nurse Paralegal

Ethan Shetty
Associate

Mark Sickles
Partner

Matthew A. Smartnick
Partner

Obtained Favorable Ruling Vacating Default Judgment

Successfully Defended a Client Wrongfully Accused of Causing Damage to a Home During a Renovation

Secured Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Landlord After the Plaintiff Slipped on Stairway Carpeting Installed by the Landlord

Represented a National Janitorial Service Provider in a Personal Injury Suit Involving Water Infiltration at a Suburban Office Building

Defended a Credit Union Named in a Consumer Law Action

Defended an Asphalt Contractor Against a Personal Injury Lawsuit Brought by a Pedestrian Struck by a Vehicle

Successfully Defended a Client Who was Wrongfully Accused of Contributing to the Injuries of a Passenger in a Vehicle Collision

Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of a Not-For-Profit Organization and Officers in Connection with a Motor Vehicle Accident Involving the Organization's Bus

Represented a Property Owner in a Premises Liability and Landlord / Tenant Action

Negotiated a Settlement Inclusive of a Licensing and Operating Agreement for a Dispute Between an Operator of Recreational Sporting Facilities and a Sports Technology Company

Defended an Engineering Firm Against Alleged Negligent Design and Unjust Enrichment

Obtained a Favorable Defense Jury Verdict in Cook County

Granted Summary Judgment for a Nightclub After a Plaintiff Patron Injured Her Knee

Obtained a Voluntary Dismissal for a Subcontractor Involved in the Liquidation of a Commercial Property

Obtained a Not-Guilty Verdict on a Property Damage Bench Trial

Obtained a Dismissal with Prejudice of a Highly-Contested Lawsuit Against a National Mutual Insurance Company

Successfully Defended a Masonry Contractor in a Construction Injury Case

Received a Dismissal on Behalf of a Client Involved in a Motor Vehicle Accident

Represented a Church Following a Construction Accident

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Liberty R. Smith
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Associate

Paul R. Struebing
Partner

Cecilia D. Villalvazo
Associate

Kay Weiler
Partner

Chad Wilkinson
Paralegal

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Reached a Favorable Resolution in a Construction Defect Matter

Successfully Helped a Construction Company and its Employee Avoid the Risk of Paying Punitive Damages in a Wrongful Death Case

Defended an International Feed Distribution Company for a Products Liability Claim

Secured Summary Judgment for a Homeowner in a Dog Bite Incident

Successfully Settled a Wrongful Death Claim Involving an Independent Contractor on Call for Pest Control Duties for a Homeowners Association

Obtained Favorable Ruling Denying Motion for Preliminary Injunction for Industrial Dairy Farm

Secured a Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Landlord Following the Failure of Decking Materials that Resulted in Injuries

Successfully Defended a National Sandwich Chain Against Allegations of a Foreign Substance Contained within a Food Product

Won a Defense Verdict in a Premises Liability Case Involving an Arsonist

Represented a Logging Company in a Lawsuit Involving Allegations of Trespass

Secured a Dismissal of a Home Inspection Company that had Inspected a Premises Prior to a Major Deck Collapse

Successfully Negotiated Nominal Settlements on Behalf of Retails After Lithium Ion Batteries Caught Fire

Obtained Summary Judgment in a Wrongful Death and Survival Action on Behalf of Premises Owners After a Five Year Old Boy Drowned in the Defendants' Pool

Secured an Order of Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Real Estate Developer in a Contractual Dispute

Obtained a Dismissal with Prejudice on the First Day of an Expected Two Week Trial

Reached Favorable Resolution for Client with Significant Injury

Defense of Wrongful Death and Survival Claims

Represented a National Real Estate Investment Trust Company Against Allegation of Tortious Interference, Violation of Right to Privacy, and Discrimination

Defended a Construction Company Against a Wrongful Death Claims Involving OSHA Citations

Won Defense Verdict for Property Manager

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Won Summary Judgment on Behalf of an Off-Duty Police Officer for Wrongful Death and Survival Claims

Defended a Hotel Chain Against a Guest's Claim that They had been Exposed to Toxic Chemicals during an Extended Stay

Achieved Summary Judgment in Security Case

Obtained Dismissal with Prejudice in a Defamation Action Against a Journalist

Defended a Car Wash in Small Claims Court in Will County Where a Plaintiff was Alleging Property Damage

Obtained Favorable Settlements for a Group of Distributors When a Large Manufacturer Wanted to Take Over the Distributors' Sales Territories

Obtained a Favorable Defense Jury Verdict on a Plaintiff Personal Injury Lawsuit

Secured Dismissal with Prejudice on Jurisdictional Grounds of Defamation Against an Attorney

Successfully Defended an Insurance Company in an Underinsured Motorist Lawsuit

Defended a Client at Arbitration After Two Plaintiffs Alleged Negligence for a Motor Vehicle Accident

Represented the Parent Company of a Factory in a Personal Injury Case After an Employee was Hurt During an Industrial Accident

Obtained a Favorable Defense Jury Verdict on a Property Damage Lawsuit

Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of a Parking Lot Owner and Construction Contractor After Allegations that a Negligent Design and the Direction of Traffic During Construction Caused a Car Accident

Secured Dismissal of Constitutional Claims for Ohio School District Facing Sexual Abuse Allegations

Secured Favorable Pre-Suit Resolution for National Waste Services Company in Serious Personal Injury Case

Successfully Defended a National Distributor Against Claims Alleging Injuries Caused by an Employee

Obtained a Jury Verdict in his Client's Favor in a Personal Injury Lawsuit Where the Plaintiff Claimed Nearly \$100,000 in Medical Expenses

Successfully Defended a Family Owned Business and Its Owners in a Jury Trial Against Claims of Negligence

Reached a Positive Settlement With the Illinois Human Rights for a Homeowners' Association Board in a Disputed Emotional Support Animal Case

Obtained a Favorable Severance Order on Behalf of a Local Municipality

Obtained a Favorable Verdict for a Business Client in a Commercial Lease Dispute

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Firm News

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Sarah N. Castle to Transportation Team
Firm News, January 26, 2026

Senior Counsel Luis A. Muñiz Joins Chicago Office
January 26, 2026

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis's 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars!
Firm News, January 21, 2026

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Liberty R. Smith
Firm News, January 12, 2026

Welcome Attorney Jasmin N. Meisinger
Firm News, January 12, 2026

Congratulations to Our 2025 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and Rising Stars!
Firm News, November 25, 2025

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in 2025 Missouri Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, November 18, 2025

Kathleen Michel Kivarkis Joins Amundsen Davis's Transportation & Logistics Service Group
Firm News, November 10, 2025

Emma Hall Joins Transportation & Logistics Service Group
Firm News, November 10, 2025

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Treston D. Marshall to St. Louis Office
Firm News, October 13, 2025

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Ethan Shetty
Firm News, October 13, 2025

Senior Counsel William G. Nickol Joins Amundsen Davis
Firm News, October 13, 2025

Attorney Ross Murphy Joins Amundsen Davis's General Liability Service Group
Firm News, September 2, 2025

130 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2026 in America
Firm News, August 21, 2025

Sara Baldwin Joins Transportation & Logistics Service Group
Firm News, June 23, 2025

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Sarah Bucker to Indianapolis Office
Firm News, June 23, 2025

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Alex J. Krasne to Chicago Office
Firm News, June 9, 2025

Cheyenne Autumn Pincsak Joins St. Charles Office
Firm News, May 27, 2025

Cecilia D. Villalvazo Joins Amundsen Davis
Firm News, May 12, 2025

Amundsen Davis Elevates Seven Attorneys to Partner
Firm News, February 19, 2025

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on the 2025 Indiana Super Lawyers and
Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, February 18, 2025

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2025 Illinois Super
Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 21, 2025

Toluwani Odueyungbo Joins Amundsen Davis
Firm News, December 23, 2024

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on the 2024 Wisconsin
Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, November 14, 2024

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in 2024 Missouri Super Lawyers and Rising
Stars Lists
Firm News, November 12, 2024

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Audrey Martin to Transportation & Logistics Service
Group
Firm News, November 6, 2024

Michael Nega Joins St. Charles Office
Firm News, November 6, 2024

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Isaac French
Firm News, November 6, 2024

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Amundsen Davis Welcomes Maria Dodona to Chicago Office

Firm News, September 23, 2024

Olivia N. Daily Joins Amundsen Davis's General Liability Service Group

Firm News, September 9, 2024

93 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2025 in America

Firm News, August 15, 2024

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Edward Harcourt to Indiana Office

Firm News, July 8, 2024

John A. Losurdo Joins Amundsen Davis's St. Charles Office

Firm News, May 28, 2024

Senior Counsel Joseph Hendel Joins Amundsen Davis's Indianapolis Office

Firm News, May 13, 2024

Amundsen Davis Promotes 10 Attorneys to Partner

Firm News, February 21, 2024

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, January 25, 2024

Lauren Dreifus Joins Amundsen Davis's Transportation & Logistics Service Group

Firm News, November 27, 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in 2023 Missouri Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, November 14, 2023

Amundsen Davis Named in the 2024 Edition of Best Law Firms®

Firm News, November 2, 2023

77 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America

Firm News, August 17, 2023

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Caroline Mazurek Cozzi

Firm News, August 14, 2023

New Partner Terese Drew Joins Amundsen Davis's St. Louis Office

Firm News, May 15, 2023

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Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

Attorney Annalise Castner Joins Amundsen Davis General Liability Service Group
Firm News, January 3, 2023

BTI Consulting Group Names Dennis Cotter on Client Service All-Stars 2023 List
Firm News, *BTI Consulting Group*, 2023

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Daniel Faust to General Liability Service Group
Firm News, December 19, 2022

Attorney Jeff Oberlies Joins Amundsen Davis's Indianapolis Office
Firm News, December 1, 2022

Heather Bub Included in the 2022 Missouri Super Lawyers List
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, November 14, 2022

36 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023
Firm News, August 18, 2022

25 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 28, 2022

Tort Litigation Attorney Eric A. Pagnamenta Joins Amundsen Davis
Firm News, January 24, 2022

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

28 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022
Firm News, August 19, 2021

Amundsen Davis Contributes Amicus Brief to a Significant Win for Indiana's Defense Bar
March 26, 2021

4 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2021 Indiana Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, February 25, 2021

Amundsen Davis Promotes Two to Partner
February 22, 2021

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Attorney Michael D. Barnes Joins Amundsen Davis's Commercial Transportation Practice in Chicago
February 15, 2021

Attorney Patrick J. Richel Joins Amundsen Davis's Construction Practice Group in Chicago
January 4, 2021

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

Attorney Paul Mackowski Joins Amundsen Davis's Tort Litigation Practice in Indianapolis
April 1, 2020

7 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2020 Indiana Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Amundsen Davis, February 14, 2020

In the Media

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

Alerts

Proposed Ohio Legislation Would Raise Limits on Non-Economic Damages
Article, *Amundsen Davis General Liability Alert*, January 7, 2026

Ohio House of Representatives Passes Bill to Bring Transparency to Third-Party Litigation Funding
Article, *Amundsen Davis General Liability Alert*, December 16, 2025

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

Pre-Judgment Interest Law Takes Effect July 1, 2021
Article, *Amundsen Davis Alert*, June 2, 2021

Snow and Ice Removal: Does Your Contract Protect You From Personal Injury Liability?
Amundsen Davis Tort Litigation Alert, November 5, 2020

Defense of COVID-19 Bodily Injury Litigation in Illinois
Amundsen Davis Insurance Alert, June 2, 2020

Events

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

A New Era: Prejudgment Interest in Illinois
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, June 16, 2021

Published Works

The Coming Maelstrom of Regulatory Compliance, Risk Management, and
Litigation Over the Hot-Button Toxic Chemicals
Publication, *USLAW Magazine*, Fall 2024

State of Indiana General Liability COVID-19 Quick Guide
USLAW, September 1, 2020

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