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PRACTICES

- Litigation
- Product Liability
- Commercial

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1976, Order of the Coif, Law Quarterly
- Washington University in St. Louis, B.A., 1973

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Illinois USDC, Southern District
- Missouri USDC, Eastern District
- US Ct Appeals, 8th Circuit (Covers AR, IA, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)
- US Supreme Ct

Richard Mueller's litigation practice includes a wide range of matters, with emphasis in product liability, commercial litigation and maritime matters.

Rick has extensive trial experience in both commercial and product liability litigation, including two of the three longest-running antitrust trials in Missouri. He has tried real estate fraud cases, patent cases, commercial contract disputes and a wide variety of product liability cases. He is National Coordinating Counsel for Kawasaki Motors Corp. He has represented clients from New Jersey to California, Florida to Alaska and also successfully represented a client in a trial in Guam. Rick has cross examined experts in a variety of fields including engineering, epidemiology, human factors, warnings, naval architecture, validation, computer simulations, management policies, a variety of fields of medicine, aerodynamics, patent law, to name a few.

Industries

- Product Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Maritime

Instruction

- Trial Practice, Washington University School of Law, 1979-1981

Recognitions

- Listed in "The Best Lawyers in America®", 2009-Present
 - Product Liability Litigation-Defendants
- Listed in "Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers" 2005, 2007-Present
- The Legal 500, Litigation-Product Liability
- Admitted Pro Hac Vice
 - Alabama
 - Alaska
 - California

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Amada Company, Ltd.
- Captive Planners, Inc.
- Economy Forms
- Genmar Industries
- Honda North America, Inc.
- Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.
- Kawasaki Motor Corp. USA
- Lennox International
- Miller Elevator Service Co.
- Miller Elevator
- Montgomery Kone
- Pettibone Corporation
- Riso, Inc.
- Sally Beauty Supply
- Schindler Elevator
- Toro Corporation
- Wellcraft, Inc.

AFFILIATIONS

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- American Bar Association
- American Journal on Science and Health
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Defense Research Institute, Chairman, Recreational Boat Subcommittee, Admiralty Law Group, DRI
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- New York Academy of Sciences
- The Maritime Law Association
- Practicing Law Institute
- The Missouri Bar
- United States Supreme Court Bar
- Admiralty Law Institute Speaker

- Connecticut
- Florida
- Guam
- Kentucky
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

Presentations

- "Case Update: Products Liability"; Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, 1995
- "Coordinating Products Liability Litigation"; The University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1990
- "Effective Coordination of Multiple Products Liability Litigation"; Practicing Law Institute, 1988
- "Trial Practice"; The Missouri Bar, 1987
- "Insurance Practice"; The Missouri Bar, 1986
- "Defending the Lawsuit: Products Liability of Manufacturers"; Practicing Law Institute, St. Louis, 1981
- "Missouri Practice and Update on Law"; Special Problems in Products Liability Litigation, Practicing Law Institute, St. Louis, 1978

Publications

- Inside the Minds, "Leading Product Liability Lawyers"; *Aspatore Books*, 2003
- "Defense of Marine Products Litigation"; *Defense Research Institute Monograph*, June 1990
- "The Use of Standardized Materials"; *Practicing Law Institute*, 1988
- "Protecting Experts Consulting Teams From Discovery"; *For The Defense*, 1987
- "Subsequent Remedial Measures"; *A Products Liability Commentary and Cases*, 1987
- "The Investigation and Use of Experts"; *Product Liability of Manufacturers, Practicing Law Institute*, 1979
- "Defending the Products Liability, Prevention and Defense of Manufacturers' Products Liability"; *Practicing Law Institute*, 1978
- "A Dilemma for the Legal and Medical Profession: Euthanasia and the Defective Newborn"; *22 Saint Louis University Law Journal* 501, 1978
- "The Defense of a Products Liability Lawsuit, Products Liability Manufacturers"; *Practicing Law Institute*, 1977

