

# 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

Caroline Mazurek Cozzi  
Associate

Christine King-Ries  
Paralegal

Patrick J. Lubenow  
Partner

Eric A. Pagnamenta  
Associate

David Sethi  
Partner

Joe Trevino  
Partner

Brandi White  
Nurse Analyst

- Claim prevention (including store employee and adjuster training)

## Experience

Successfully Settled Case Against Hotel Employee

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

Successfully Settled Case Involving Wrongful Death

Handled Case for Security Guard After a Domestic Dispute

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

Obtained Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Condominium Association and Property Manager

Obtained Dismissal With Prejudice of Negligence and Premises Liability Counts

Obtained Dismissal With Prejudice on Behalf of its Branding Company Defendant

Represented a National Auto Parts Store in a Property Damage Lawsuit

Successfully Settled Case Involving Fire Safety Measures

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

## Firm News

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Caroline Mazurek Cozzi  
Firm News, August 14, 2023

Subscribe to Amundsen Davis's Litigation Nation Podcast for the latest legal updates!  
Firm News, February 10, 2023

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

41 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

Attorney David Sethi Joins Amundsen Davis's Transportation Practice Group in Chicago  
November 30, 2020

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

### 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