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Lionel has been defending product liability claims for more than 25 years. His clients include manufacturers of automobiles, trucks, industrial equipment, agricultural equipment, power tools, medical devices, consumer products, prescription drugs, mining equipment, construction equipment and drilling equipment.

Services

- Litigation

Education

- University of Kentucky College of Law (J.D., 1967)
- University of Kentucky (B.S., 1964)

Bar Admissions

- Kentucky

Court Admissions

- Kentucky Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

Affiliations/Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association
- Product Liability Advisory Council
- Kentucky Defense Counsel

- Power Tool and the Agricultural, Construction Equipment, Machine and Industrial Equipment Committee (ACMIE)
- Product Liability Section and the Transportation Law Section
- Defense Research Institute
- Camping and Community Branch, chairman
- Metropolitan Board, chairman
- YMCA of Central Kentucky, past chairman of the trustees

Distinctions

- Peer Review Rated AV in *Martindale-Hubbell*
- Kentucky *Super Lawyers*®

Experience

Product Liability Defense

We defended a large trucking company against product liability claims relating to the death of child. The child was struck by a waste-hauling truck manufactured in part by our client, and the plaintiffs alleged that the mirrors on the truck were insufficient in providing the driver with a clear rearward view. The garbage truck body manufacturer was named as a co-defendant in the lawsuit. We obtained a unanimous defense verdict on behalf of our client in state court.