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A skilled litigator and trial lawyer, John handles complex disputes in the areas of toxic torts and asbestos, transportation/railroad, and oilfield accidents. These complicated and nuanced cases often require a high level of expertise and significant experience, which John brings with a solid track record of obtaining successful results from juries in numerous jurisdictions. He is well-versed in all phases of pretrial and trial practice and has deftly drafted and argued several dispositive motions granted in favor of his clients.

John represents:

- manufacturers, contractors, and premises owners in toxic tort and asbestos matters. He implements and executes defense strategies in a variety of exposure scenarios, including allegations of bystander or take-home exposure, low-dose theories, and faulty or speculative product identification.
- interstate rail clients regarding the Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA) and related matters. John has in-depth knowledge of the transportation industry and clients value his strategic and innovative thinking as well as his responsiveness and keen attention to detail.
- individuals and businesses in oilfield-related incidents. He has litigated a wide variety of matters including pipeline strikes, blowouts, and serious burns and catastrophic injury cases.

John is a trusted adviser and powerful advocate who delivers effective counsel tailored to your specific goals.

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## Practice Areas

- Toxic Torts
- Transportation

## Memberships

- Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA)

## Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- Federal Court of Minnesota
- North Dakota
- Federal Court of North Dakota
- Wisconsin

## Representative Cases

- *Edgette v. various defendants (2015)*. In a living mesothelioma case with product identification, obtained summary judgment in Minnesota state court on behalf of various electronic manufacturers.
- *Carroll v. various defendants (2017)*. In a deceased mesothelioma case with product identification, obtained summary judgment in federal court in Wisconsin on behalf of a valve manufacturer.
- *Kohnle v. various defendants (2017)*. In a deceased mesothelioma case with product identification, obtained summary judgment in Minnesota on behalf of a manufacturer of foundry products.

## Articles

- [Minn. Supreme Court Refuses to Deviate from Prior Statute of Limitations Application in Asbestos Lawsuits](#)
- [Asbestos Litigation: SCOTUS Takes on the "Bare Metal" Defense](#)
- [Minnesota Asbestos Court's Rulings on Reallocation, Expert Reliability Affirmed](#)
- [Asbestos Litigation: The "Bare Metal Defense" to Get its Day at the U.S. Supreme Court](#)