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NATIONAL TRIAL PRACTICE

Due to the expense and uncertainty of modern-day litigation, the vast majority of civil lawsuits in the United States resolve before trial. As such, most law firms do not have real proven trial experience, and some might even say that seasoned trial attorneys are a dying breed. Lewis Brisbois is the rare exception. For more than four decades, Lewis Brisbois' Founding Partners Robert F. Lewis and R. Gaylord Smith have remained dedicated to attracting top trial attorneys from across the country to join the firm, while continuing to invest in identifying and developing exceptional trial attorneys from within our ranks. When a case cannot be resolved and a trial date is

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approaching, few law firms in this country can match the experience, reputation, and track record that our attorneys bring to the courtroom.

Lewis Brisbois' National Trial Practice features a bench with more than a hundred attorneys who have successfully defended clients in courtrooms across the country. With experience conducting trials in virtually every area of legal practice, we regularly handle the most difficult and complex cases, including those involving catastrophic injuries, employment matters, intellectual

property and commercial disputes, as well as exposures potentially stretching into seven, eight, and nine figures. Moreover, we are proud of our ability to provide the highest level of representation to our clients on short notice. Because Lewis Brisbois has a long history of achieving exceptional results both in and out of the courtroom, our elite trial attorneys are consistently called upon to parachute into matters regardless of the stage of litigation or venue, and often on or near the eve of the trial.

Most recently, in the face of the unprecedented challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented, Lewis Brisbois' trial attorneys continued to provide unparalleled representation to our clients, ultimately winning some of the first virtual and modified in-person trials that were held nationwide, including one conducted in a high school gymnasium. The invaluable experience that our trial attorneys gained as some of the first to conduct trials via Zoom and other remote methods has helped them master cutting-edge proven modern trial strategies, which we believe will become part of trials even after courtrooms reopen across the country. They have learned how best to leverage emerging technology to succeed in the courtroom and will continue to apply their knowledge across matters throughout all stages of litigation.

Significantly, among the hundreds of trial lawyers practicing in our offices across the nation, 48 are members of the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), distinguished among their peers by their diverse and extensive trial experience. Additionally, our trial attorneys regularly consult with members of our national Appellate Practice regarding various issues that arise during and after a trial. Our appellate attorneys, several of whom have been board certified as appellate specialists, also monitor trials for clients in significant, high exposure cases, thereby allowing our clients to access the full range of expertise that Lewis Brisbois offers.

For additional information regarding our trial experience or our trial attorneys, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Katz at Greg.Katz@lewisbrisbois.com or 212.232.1378.



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SAMPLING OF HIGH EXPOSURE TRIAL RESULTS

- Obtained a defense verdict for **UPS** in litigation in Cook County Circuit Court (IL) concerning a motor vehicle accident between a UPS tractor-trailer and another automobile that the automobile driver claimed led to his serious injuries.
- Obtained defense verdict for the **BNSF Railway Company** at trial in San Diego Superior Court (CA) in litigation concerning an incident in which a 23-year-old U.S. Navy sailor flew off his motorcycle allegedly due to potholes and unsafe railroad tracks, leading to his death. Jurors deliberated for 30 minutes following a two-week trial before determining that our client bore no responsibility for the sailor's death.
- Secured a defense verdict following a five-week fully remote trial with 23 witnesses and nearly 300 exhibits in
 a complex commercial case involving multimillion-dollar claims alleging that defects in medication dispensing
 machines installed at long-term care facilities nationwide caused the plaintiff to go out of business.
- Obtained a unanimous verdict in Federal District Court for our client, the largest operator of recreational boating tours in Long Beach, CA, in a suit brought under the Federal Lanham Act and involving claims of false advertising.
- Represented the Los Angeles Dodgers in a high-profile lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court (CA)
 concerning the assault of a baseball fan in the parking lot of Dodgers Stadium; jury returned a partial plaintiff
 verdict for less than the amount we offered to settle.
- Represented the **construction manager for the job site in the 91st Street Crane Collapse Litigation**, a highly publicized lawsuit concerning a major construction accident in Manhattan. Following an eleven-month trial that featured more than 75 testifying witnesses, the jury found that our client was indemnified by the codefendant subcontractors and further agreed that our client was not negligent in the matter.
- Defended Dexter Hysol Aerospace LLC in a \$22 million lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court (CA) over the allegedly asbestos-related death of a former aerospace worker; the jury came to the conclusion that the death wasn't caused by asbestos after all and returned a full defense verdict.
- Obtained a defense verdict for **BraunAbility**, a manufacturer of wheelchair accessible vans, in contentious litigation in the State Court of Cherokee County (GA) alleging that a defectively designed van led to the death of an infant; the court agreed with our argument that the van had been modified.

- Defended apartment complex **Trump Village Section 3, Inc.** at trial in Kings County Supreme Court (NY) in litigation concerning a trip-and-fall that allegedly resulted in serious injury to the plaintiff. Due to the defendant having the same name as the President of the United States, several prospective jurors had strong views against our client, and as a result we spent an extensive amount of time obtaining promises from the jury to be fair. Nevertheless, we obtained a unanimous defense verdict in this case.
- Secured a unanimous defense verdict in litigation in Clark County District Court (NV) against nightclub **Blue Martini Las Vegas** in which the plaintiff claimed she tripped and fell on a two-step staircase as she was leaving, leading to several serious injuries. After little more than an hour of deliberations, the jury returned an 8-0 verdict against the plaintiff.
- Obtained unanimous defense verdict on behalf of a national home improvement company following an in-person jury trial and one hour of jury deliberations, in a matter in which the plaintiff, who was allegedly injured by a roll of carpet falling from a second story window, sought to hold our client negligent under a theory of vicarious liability for the alleged actions of our client's subcontractor.
- Obtained a defense verdict after a two and a half week-long trial for a massage therapist and a high-end athletic club in an employment suit alleging sexual harassment, sexual assault and battery, and wrongful termination. The complete verdict in favor of our client came after only two and a half hours of jury deliberation.
- Secured a defense verdict in a multimillion-dollar claim alleging that medication dispensing machines installed
 at long-term care facilities nationwide were defective and caused the plaintiff to go out of business. The
 plaintiff claimed damages in the nine-figure range and the trial lasted five weeks, featuring 23 witnesses and
 nearly 300 exhibits.
- Represented Greyhound at trial in a highly publicized case involving a triple fatality.





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