



LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION: OVERVIEW

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Ruder Ware litigation attorneys have substantial trial and appeal experience in state and federal courts, as well as administrative proceedings, throughout the country. With decades of problem-solving experience, our litigation attorneys offer solutions to companies across numerous industries to resolve complex legal problems. Seasoned in pretrial preparation and discovery, our attorneys promote alternative dispute resolution to avoid protracted litigation costs. Ruder Ware understands the need to work with a focused litigation strategy directed toward the client's bottom-line needs. Experienced advocates for businesses, our litigators use their problem-solving skills to minimize litigation risk and implement risk-shifting strategies for your business.

Ruder Ware offers a depth and breadth of services unique to a Wisconsin law firm headquartered north of Madison. Working with both the public and private sectors, our litigation attorneys practice as part of a full-service law firm supporting clients with diverse business needs.

Services provided to nationally known corporations, locally owned businesses, nonprofit organizations, and others include:

Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Arbitration
- Mediation

Commercial Litigation

- Breach of Contract
- Shareholder Disputes
- Director & Officer Liability
- Lender Liability Claims
- Securities Fraud
- Credit Collection

Employment Litigation

- Discrimination Claims
- Employment Contracts
- Wrongful Termination
- Covenants Not to Compete
- Workers' Compensation

Environmental Litigation

- Air and Water Pollution Compliance and Enforcement
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Environmental Due Diligence
- Environmental Insurance Coverage
- Stormwater
- Water Quality Certification
- Hazardous & Solid Waste
- Cleanup Actions
- Toxic Torts

Preventative Litigation Services

- Product Liability Risk Assessment
- Contract Review/Risk Management
- Insurance Coverage Assessment

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Products Liability Litigation

- Product Liability Defense
- National Litigation Monitoring
- Risk Assessments and Insurance Coverage Evaluations
- Review of Product Warnings, Manuals, Instructions, and Warranties
- Sales and Distribution Agreements
- Product Recalls and Crisis Management
- Safety Management Communications
- Regulatory Compliance
- Seminars and Training
- Toxic Tort Defense
- Class and Mass-action Defense
- Negligence and Consumer Fraud Defense
- Appeals

Real Estate & Construction Litigation

- Condemnation Actions
- Land Use Disputes
- Foreclosure Actions
- Bond Claims
- Contract Preparation
- Contract Disputes
- Insurance Matters
- Regulatory Guidance

Recent achievements by the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice Group include:

- Recovered \$350,000 for a manufacturing client in a federal court lawsuit against a software vendor whose software failed to work as promised
- Won a five-day federal jury trial for a manufacturing client against an equipment vendor whose equipment failed to work as promised
- Successfully negotiated a loan workout on a real estate development project, allowing our clients to avoid payment of default interest and attorney fees
- Recovered over \$400,000 for a manufacturing client in a mediated settlement with an equipment vendor whose equipment failed to work as promised
- Won a judgment, including payment of attorney fees, for a bank client against a borrower who sought to avoid loan repayment by making a document forgery claim
- Successfully settled a shareholder dispute, allowing our client to maintain control of a corporation
- Won a judgment for dismissal for a bank client against a customer claiming breach of contract
- Successfully negotiated an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation requiring the state to make a substantial capital improvement contribution to our client's facility in conjunction with a bridge expansion project

As an added service our firm offers no cost electronic legal updates to all interested business professionals.

As part of a full-service law firm, our attorneys provide clients with a one-stop approach to their legal needs. Ruder Ware, the largest Wisconsin law firm headquartered north of Madison, also provides legal counsel in Business Transactions; Employment, Benefits & Labor Relations; and Trusts & Estates. ♦

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