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Terry Johnson is a Shareholder and Chair of the firm's Professional Liability Section. Terry has tried hundreds of cases to a verdict in matters ranging from complex legal malpractice cases to major construction defect disputes to major personal injury actions.

He is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® as "Lawyer of the Year" for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2019, 2015, 2012). He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Bet-The-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants. He is recognized by *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*® as one of the Top 25 Attorneys in Milwaukee and as one of the Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin.

Terry is a member of the OLR Procedure Review Committee, the Wisconsin Defense Counsel, the American Board of Trial Advocates and the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Representative Decisions:

- *Krier, et al v. Vilione, et al.*, 2009 WI 45, 317 Wis.2d 288, 766 N.W.2d 517, affirmation of summary judgment in favor of defendants dismissing claims based upon inadequacy of expert testimony in an accounting malpractice case.
- *Markwardt, et al. V. Zurich American Insurance Company, et al.*, 2006 WI App 200, 296 Wis.2d 512, 724 N.W.2d, appropriateness and validity of agreement between attorney and departing associate for division of fees on contingent fee cases taken by departing associate.
- *Rainbow Country Rentals and Retail, Inc. v. Ameritech Publishing, Inc.*, 2005 WI 153, 286 Wis.2d 170, 706 N.W.2d 95, reversal of prior Wisconsin Supreme Court authority holding that Ameritech Publishing's damage limitation was unenforceable on public policy grounds
- *DeWitt, Porter, Huggett, Schumacher & Morgan, S.C. v. Kovalic, et al.*, appropriateness of refusal of trial court to bifurcate trial involving fee claim, fee collection issues, malpractice action, and reasonableness of award of attorney's fees in favor of firm
- *Talmage v. Harris, et al.*, appropriateness of district court's restrictions on recovery of damages in malpractice claim and necessity of expert testimony on underlying bad faith issues

Practice Areas:

- Professional Liability
- Class Actions
- Commercial and Business Litigation
- Litigation and Risk Management
- Dispute Resolution

Education:

- University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1975
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, B.A., *cum laude*, 1972

Bar Admissions:

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court