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Mike Crooks is a Shareholder in the firm's Litigation and Risk Management Practice Group. He focuses his practice on commercial litigation, legal malpractice and other professional negligence claims, accounting malpractice, insurance defense and coverage issues, bad faith litigation, product liability work, premises liability, breach of contract, personal injury defense and third-party recovery. Mike is also an experienced mediator and is frequently called upon to resolve disputes.

Mike was named the Best Lawyers® Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Madison (2022), Best Lawyers® Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Madison (2017 & 2021), Best Lawyers® Product Liability Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Madison (2020) and Best Lawyers® Insurance "Lawyer of the Year" in Madison (2016 & 2018). He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Insurance (2007-2022), Medical Malpractice - Defendants (2014-2022), Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2011-2022) and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2013-2022). In addition, he is recognized on the "Top 25: Madison Super Lawyers®" list (2011-2020), the "Top 50: Wisconsin Super Lawyers®" list (2009-2020) and is a Wisconsin Super Lawyers® honoree (2006-2020). He is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*®, the highest rating possible.

Mike is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, is recognized as a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals Wisconsin Chapter (2015) and is a Board Certified Trial Lawyer (2004). He is an Associate member and the Past President of the American Board of Trial Advocates-Wisconsin Chapter and previously served as President (2005-2006) and on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Defense Counsel.

Mike is a frequent lecturer for many organizations including the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Judicial College, the Wisconsin Defense Counsel and the University of Wisconsin Law School.

He is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, James E. Doyle Inn of Courts (former Treasurer), the Defense Research Institute and the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

### Practice Areas:

- Commercial and Business Litigation
- Dispute Resolution
- Professional Liability
- Insurance Coverage and Risk Management
- Litigation and Risk Management
- Product Liability

### Education:

- University of Wisconsin, J.D., *cum laude*, 1990
- University of Notre Dame, B.A., *cum laude*, 1987

### Bar Admissions:

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