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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.

He is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® as "Lawyer of the Year" for Insurance Law (2018, 2016) as well as Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants in Madison (2017). He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Insurance Law (2007-2019), Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2014-2019), Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2011-2019), and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2013-2019). He is recognized by *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*® as one of the Top 25 Attorneys in Madison and one of the Top 50 Attorneys in Wisconsin. He was awarded an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating 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 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 Law School, 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