

## Patrick W. Schmidt

### *Retired Partner*

Pat Schmidt was a member of the firm's Product Liability, Toxic Tort and Personal Injury Litigation Practice and focused his practice on this area of law for over 30 years. He also represented clients in commercial and intellectual property litigation matters. Mr. Schmidt's litigation and counseling experiences had provided him with a practical and working knowledge of mechanical engineering, machine design, warnings, kinematics, ergonomics, biomechanics, metallurgical, accident reconstruction and related principles, as well as damages concepts across a broad range of commercial, intellectual property, product liability and personal injury matters.

- Tried cases in 19 states.
- Defended cases in over an additional 20 states and the District of Columbia.
- National counsel for crane, forklift, tool, trailer, motorcycle and dockleveler manufacturers.
- Wisconsin counsel for manufacturers of automotive, industrial, construction, truck, agricultural, consumer, and other products.
- Defense of consumer class action litigation.
- Plaintiff and defense work in high-stakes commercial and IP litigation.
- Counseling of manufacturers on product design, intellectual property, warnings, safety, record retention and related issues.



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### **Education and Honors**

- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., 1975)
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  - Note and Comment Editor, Wisconsin Law Review
- Stanford University (B.A., 1972)

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 2006
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2003
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit, 1998
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 1993
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 1992
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, 1981
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1980
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, 1976
- Wisconsin Supreme Court, 1975
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1975

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 1975

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

- Milwaukee Bar Association (Member)
- American Bar Association (Member of TIPS and Product Liability Subcommittees)
- State Bar of Wisconsin (Member)
- Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association (Member)
- Bar Association of the 7th Federal Circuit (Member)
- Product Liability Advisory Council (Sustaining Member)
- Defense Research Institute (Member)
- Industrial Truck Association Lawyers Committee (Member)
- Numerous pro hac vice admissions nationwide

### **Professional Recognition**

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2008–present: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants)
- One of 331 lawyers listed in An International Who's Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated