

APPELLATE TRIAL CONSULTATION AND POST-TRIAL MOTIONS

Armstrong Teasdale's appellate lawyers are frequently called to provide support to trial counsel before a dispute even reaches the jury. What distinguishes our practice from firms focusing solely on appellate work is that our attorneys have experience as both trial attorneys and appellate counsel. We combine these skill sets to provide effective appellate consultation before trial and while trial is underway.

To secure favorable outcomes for clients, our appellate lawyers advise on a number of strategies to put clients in the most advantageous position for appeals prior to the close of trial. These include:

- Preservation of defenses
- Assistance with dispositive motions
- Assistance with settlement discussions
- Expert motions
- Motions in limine
- Error preservation at trial
- Jury-related motions
- Preparation of jury instructions
- Motions for directed verdict

Once trial is over, time is of the essence. Post-trial motions must typically be filed within a limited window of time, underscoring the critical importance of effective preparation for appeals prior to verdict.

Our attorneys have particular experience in venues such as the City of St. Louis and southern Illinois, where juries are known for delivering defense verdicts in the tens of millions of dollars. Establishing a sound appellate strategy from the outset positions clients for favorable results whether disputes are resolved in settlement, at trial, or on appeal.

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