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Darren VanPuymbrouck, Partner

Darren VanPuymbrouck is a Partner at Falkenberg Ives with an active nationwide trial practice. As first-chair, he has successfully tried dozens of high-profile complex commercial and tort-based cases, and argued appeals across the country. He also manages nation-wide, mass and class actions, setting trial strategy and litigation management and he advises clients on risk-avoidance and product and workplace safety issues.

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Practice Areas

- Product Liability
- Toxic Torts
- Food Safety and Regulations
- Insurance Coverage
- Contract Negotiations
- Consumer Class Action
- RICO
- Professional Liability

investigations.

Mr. VanPuymbrouck's practice focuses on product liability, toxic torts, food safety and regulations, insurance coverage disputes, contract negotiations, including UCC "battle of the forms" matters, consumer class actions, and RICO and professional liability disputes. He also has significant experience in a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters through trial and appeal, including in commodity brokerage and trading and post-closing M & A disputes, Fair Housing Act Claims, real estate development disputes, and in many others areas.

Mr. VanPuymbrouck is the Chair of Falkenberg Ives' Fire & Explosion Team and an internationally recognized leader in the investigation and litigation of catastrophic fire and explosion matters about which he is a frequent speaker. He also conducts emergency response exercises for clients in the petroleum, natural gas, electric generation and transmission, and transportation industries.

Education/Bar Admissions

Mr. VanPuymbrouck received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government at the University of Washington where he was a Member of the Political Science Honors Program, Officer of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and an intern at the Seattle Public Defenders Office. Mr. VanPuymbrouck was also a collegiate wrestler and academic All-American. He received his J.D. in 1986 from Loyola University of Chicago where he was an Editor of the Loyola Law

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Review and the recipient of the President's Metal for outstanding leadership, scholarship, and service. Following law school, Mr. VanPuymbrouck was selected to clerk for Chief Judge William J. Bauer of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. VanPuymbrouck was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1986, he is a Member of the Northern District of Illinois Trial Bar, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and he has been admitted to practice in many other courts throughout the country.

Professional Activities

Mr. VanPuymbrouck is active in various professional organizations, including:

- ABA Leadership and Member Professional Development Committee
- Past Co-chair of the ABA Expert Witness Committee
- Chair of the Complex Torts Committee of the ABA Corporate Counsel Committee
- ABA Product Liability Committee
- DRI Product Liability Committee

Recent Publications and Speaking Engagements

- DRI Product Liability Seminar Presentation "When Consumer Electronics Catch Fire-An In-House Perspective" (San Diego, CA-February 2018)
- DRI Fire Science and Litigation Seminar Presentation-"Batteries Not Included: Defending Lithium Battery Fire Losses." (Scottsdale, AZ- November 2016)
- "The Rise of the Alternative Fee Arrangement," ABA Section of Litigation Corporate Counsel Publication (December 2013)