



Deke Bowerman

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Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law, *Cum Laude*, JD
- Gettysburg College, BA

Practices & Industries

- Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials
- Torts & Products Liability Defense
- Labor & Employment
- Transportation

Admitted to Practice

- Connecticut

Biography

With over 30 years of legal experience, Deke primarily concentrates his practice on civil and complex commercial litigation in matters involving unfair trade practices, the transportation industry, contract disputes, and personal injury claims. He has brought over 50 jury trials to conclusion and has tried countless cases to the bench and arbitration panels.

Deke represents numerous transportation entities, national retail companies, and financial institutions in credit-related litigation as well as companies in business-related disputes, including claims involving state-of-the-art software and technology, trade secrets and noncompetition, and the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act. He has also represented entertainment industry clients that include Paramount Pictures, Time Warner Entertainment, L. P., Sony Pictures Entertainment, and Buena Vista Distribution Company (Walt Disney Company) in matters involving film-distribution rights and antitrust.

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association, Former President
- Defense Research Institute, Former Connecticut State Chair
- National Board of Trial Advocacy, Former Certified Civil Trial Advocate

Prior Experience

- LeClairRyan, Member
- Tyler Cooper & Alcorn, LLP

Selected Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2025–2026; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2011–2023, 2025–2026; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2025–2026
- New Haven County Bar Association, Lifetime Achievement Award, 2024
- Selected to *Super Lawyers* Connecticut: Business Litigation, Antitrust Litigation, and Personal Injury Plaintiff Law (General), 2007–2018
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review-Rated for Very High to Preeminent Ethical Standards and Legal Ability