

FACULTY

Alana K. Bassin, *Partner*, Bowman and Brooke LLP, has a vibrant national trial practice that has taken her to more than 25 states defending high exposure personal injury, property damage and product liability cases. Alana has extensive experience preparing early case evaluations and coordinating her clients' defense programs with Third-Party Administrators. She received her J.D. from the University of North Dakota School of Law *with distinction*, and has been an adjunct law professor in legal writing at William Mitchell College of Law. Alana has been named a *Law & Politics* "Rising Star®" for the last decade!

Bard D. Borkon, *Co-Managing Partner*, Bowman and Brooke LLP, has extensive experience in defending product liability claims and commercial litigation matters nationwide. In fact he has tried cases in California, Texas, Nevada, and Wisconsin, and has participated in trials in six other states. Bard has argued before the Missouri Supreme Court on behalf of a major automobile manufacturer and has defended cases involving a wide variety of other products, including computer keyboards, construction equipment, wood finishing materials, farm machinery, power tools, bicycles, and home water filtration equipment.

Richard S. Levick, Esq., *President*, Levick Strategic Communications, is well considered to be the global leader in legal media. His firm manages media strategies for many of the world's highest profile matters – from Guantanamo Bay to the Wall Street crisis. Richard and his firm have managed the media in nearly 3,000 legal matters and crises as well as published acclaimed books, including *Stop the Presses: The Litigation PR Desk Reference*. Richard speaks globally on high stakes communications. Recent engagements have included keynote addresses in China, Hong Kong, Australia, India and New Zealand as well as hundreds of speeches throughout the U.S. He is a frequent commentator on radio and television on high-profile cases.

Richard G. Morgan, *Managing Partner*, Bowman and Brooke LLP, has taken more than 45 cases to verdict and is in demand by clients in defending their product liability, construction defect and chemical exposure claims, as well as commercial disputes and patent litigation matters. Rick has first-chair trial responsibility for national trial programs across the country, personally directing all strategic and tactical aspects of these cases. He graduated *cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Mary T. Novacheck, *Senior Counsel*, Bowman and Brooke LLP, serves as the firm's National Coordinating Counsel in mass torts, class actions and multidistrict litigations. Her practice focuses on the defense of clients on ESI issues in products liability, medical device and pharmaceutical litigation. She has worked extensively defending corporate clients in discovery, and has served as national discovery coordinator for numerous clients involved in multi-district litigation.

Roshan N. Rajkumar, *Partner*, Bowman and Brooke LLP, concentrates his practice on defending manufacturers in state and federal courts nationally against product liability and warranty claims as well as mass tort litigation. Roshan's pro bono activities include serving as a HopeMaker at the Basilica of St. Mary, providing legal guidance to low income and homeless individuals. Outside of the courtroom, Roshan holds an adjunct professor position at the University of Minnesota Law School teaching Practice and Professionalism.

Kenneth Ross, *Of Counsel*, Bowman and Brooke LLP, has been practicing law for over 30 years. He has advised U.S. and foreign manufacturers, product sellers, insurance brokers and insurance companies on ways to identify, evaluate and minimize the risk of liability, especially product and contractual liability. Prior to entering private practice, Ken was an in-house lawyer at Westinghouse Electric and Emerson Electric where he counseled on safety and prevention issues and managed litigation.

Melissa R. Stull, *Associate*, Bowman and Brooke LLP, practices in the area of product liability defense, with a special focus on the representation of medical device and agricultural and environmental equipment manufacturers. In addition, she has significant experience in the areas of mass asbestos litigation, motor vehicle warranty claims and consumer protection claims. Melissa graduated from the University of Iowa *with distinction*, where she served roles as a managing editor and staff writer for *The Journal of Corporation Law*.

George W. Soule, *Partner*, Bowman and Brooke LLP, is one of seven founding partners who in 1985 formed the law firm of Bowman and Brooke. George has defended commercial, personal injury and product liability claims for nearly three decades, and has brought dozens of cases to verdict in 17 states. In addition to his trial experience, George served as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection for more than 11 years. Outside of the courtroom, George spends time working on political campaigns. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School.