

AUTOMOTIVE

We have defended the world's major auto manufacturers in hundreds of cases.

Automakers are often a big target for litigation, so it's crucial to have skilled attorneys who are knowledgeable about the nuances of the industry and the claims brought against it. For nearly three decades, Lightfoot has represented a variety of clients across the automotive sector. We regularly defend automobile manufacturers — as well as their component suppliers — in high-stakes commercial, product liability and catastrophic injury litigation.

We have litigated more than 600 cases for both foreign and domestic automobile manufacturers. Our attorneys defend major companies against claims alleging an array of defect theories involving air bag systems, seat belt systems, seat backs, door latches, vehicle structure and crashworthiness.

Active safety systems such as lane departure, automatic braking and adaptive cruise control first debuted in commercial vehicles. For many years, our attorneys have defended these modern technologies for a variety of clients in the commercial sector. Thanks to our deep understanding of these systems, we are well-prepared to defend similar litigation in passenger vehicles. As self-driving cars and other autonomous vehicle technologies become a reality, Lightfoot's seasoned bench is equipped to handle the inevitable legal issues they will bring.

Our firm also has decades of experience handling a variety of commercial transportation claims involving heavy trucks, buses, trains and more. Learn more about our Commercial Transportation practice [here](#).