

Ski Liability

Plunkett Cooney's ski liability practice includes the expertise of attorneys with an in-depth understanding of the ski industry and the corporate, regulatory and risk management issues inherent in the ownership and operation of winter sport venues.

For over 25 years, the firm has counseled and represented some of Michigan's and the Midwest's largest and most successful ski operations. Our attorneys are well-versed in all aspects of the Michigan Ski Area Safety Act and all accompanying rules and regulations, including particular expertise in defending claims that fall within the confines of the immunity granted by the act.

The firm's attorneys are members of leading professional and business organizations in the ski industry, including the exclusive Association of Ski Defense Attorneys (ASDA), which requires extensive experience in the defense of ski resorts, and they are active in the National Ski Areas Association and the Midwest Ski Areas Association.

Plunkett Cooney attorneys provide professional and industry organization members with formal legal updates and instructional training regarding ski area liability and related litigation defense topics. A past president of the ASDA, Plunkett Cooney's Ski Liability Practice Group Leader Jack Deegan worked for years in the ski resort business, and he frequently speaks on the subjects of ski/snowboard terrain park safety and training.

Firm members have successfully defended numerous ski and snow board litigation claims, including the successful resolution of many cases by way of dispositive motion and appellate practice. Matters routinely handled by our attorney include the defense of claims involving snow tubing parks, sport skiing events, premises liability, mountain biking accidents and other summer resort activities, land use issues, employment law, workers' compensation and all manner of claims involving general liability.

Plunkett Cooney's attorneys are passionate about the sport of skiing and the outdoor sports lifestyle. Their dedication to the sport has resulted in their becoming trusted advisors to clients who frequently call upon them to provide expert counsel and legal advice on everything from risk management issues to various regulatory aspects of the Michigan's Ski Area Safety Act.