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**Personal:**

Born: September 30, 1977  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

**Education:**

University of Illinois College of Law  
J.D., 2002

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
B.A., Political Science, 1999  
*Concentration: Political Theory & Constitutional Law*

**Licensed:**

Admitted to Illinois State Bar, 2002;  
Admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois,  
2002;  
Admitted to the Federal Court of Claims, 2007;  
Admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana,  
2008;  
Admitted to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin,  
2009;  
Admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois,  
(Trial Bar), July 13, 2010;  
Admitted to the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, April 1, 2011  
Admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, 2012  
Admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio,  
2017

**Publications:**

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure  
Handbook, 2005.

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure  
Handbook, 2006.

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure Handbook, 2007.

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure Handbook, 2010.

Illinois Cause of Action: Tort Actions, Chapter 4: Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, 2010

Illinois Cause of Action: Tort Actions, Chapter 25: Spoliation of Evidence, 2010

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure Handbook, 2011.

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure Handbook, 2012.

“Overcoming Juror Bias in Civil Litigation,” Handling Motor Vehicle Crashes From Occurrence to Trial: Plaintiff & Defense, IICLE 2012

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure Handbook, 2013.

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure Handbook, 2014.

Illinois Cause of Action: Tort Actions, Chapter 4: Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, 2014

Illinois Cause of Action: Tort Actions, Chapter 25: Spoliation of Evidence, 2014.

*Pleadings: The Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois Civil Practice and Procedure Handbook, 2015.

*UM, UIM & Homeowners*; Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, Update & Review Seminar, October 22, 2016 (Chicago, IL)

*Motions for Change of Venue and Forum Non Conveniens*, Illinois State Bar Association, Motion Practice from Pre-Trial Through Post-Trial, November 11, 2016 (Chicago, IL)

Illinois Cause of Action: Tort Actions, Chapter 4: Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, 2019

Illinois Cause of Action: Tort Actions, Chapter 26: Spoliation of Evidence, 2019.

## **Seminars / Speaking Engagements:**

University of Illinois College of Law, Alumni-Student Career Conference; January 21, 2005.

*Pleadings: A Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois State Bar Association Civil Practice and Procedure Seminar, April 28, 2005 (Chicago, IL); May 6, 2005 (Bloomington, IL).

Medical Malpractice: From a Plaintiff Attorney's Perspective, Advanced Torts, University of Illinois College of Law, May 1, 2005.

University of Illinois College of Law, Alumni-Student Career Conference; January 28, 2006.

Depositions, Illinois Pretrial Procedure, DePaul University College of Law, March 2006.

*Pleadings: A Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois State Bar Association Civil Practice and Procedure Seminar, April 28, 2006 (Chicago, IL); May 12, 2006 (Bloomington, IL); May 6, 2006 (Chicago, IL); November 17, 2006 (Collinsville, IL).

Scoring Judge, Chicago Regional American Association For Justice (Formerly ATLA) Student Trial Advocacy Competition, March 2-3, 2007, Chicago, IL.

*Pleadings: A Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois State Bar Association Civil Practice and Procedure Seminar, Annual Meeting, June 22, 2007 (Fontana, WI);

University of Illinois College of Law, Alumni-Student Career Conference; January 26, 2008;

The John Marshall Law School, Guest Lecturer, Trial Advocacy, (Topic: Depositions), March 26, 2008;

DePaul College of Law, Guest Lecturer, Illinois Pretrial Practice, (Topic: Written Discovery), April 1, 2008;

Illinois State Bar Association, "Back to Basics: Tort Law, (Topic: Written Discovery/Oral Discovery), January 29, 2010;

American Association for Justice Mock Trial Project, Judge,

February 27, 2010, Chicago, IL

*Pleadings: A Roadmap Through Trial*, Illinois State Bar Association  
Civil Practice and Procedure Seminar, May 21, 2010 (Moline, IL)

*Pleadings & Forum Non Conveniens*, Illinois State Bar Association, Civil  
Procedure Update 2011, April 14, 2011 (Chicago, IL) May 20, 2011  
(Collinsville, IL)

“Overcoming Juror Bias in Civil Litigation,” Handling Motor Vehicle  
Crashes From Occurrence to Trial: Plaintiff & Defense, IICLE February 3,  
2012

*Pleadings & Forum Non Conveniens*, Illinois State Bar Association, Civil  
Procedure Update 2012, May 6, 2012 (Bloomington, IL)

*Pleadings & Forum Non Conveniens*, Illinois State Bar Association, Civil  
Procedure Update 2013, April 26, 2013 (Chicago, IL) May 3, 2013  
(Moline, IL)

*Small Firm Practice Seminar*, Guest Lecturer, University of Illinois  
College of Law (Chicago Program), March 7, 2013

*Pleadings & Forum Non Conveniens*, Illinois State Bar Association, Civil  
Procedure Update 2014, May 2, 2014 (Springfield, IL)

*Small Firm Practice Seminar*, Guest Lecturer, University of Illinois  
College of Law (Chicago Program), March 19, 2014

*Pleadings & Forum Non Conveniens*, Illinois State Bar Association, Civil  
Procedure Update 2015, April 17, 2015 (Moline, IL)

*Pleadings & Forum Non Conveniens*, Illinois State Bar Association, Civil  
Procedure Update 2015, May 8, 2015 (Chicago, IL)

*Pleadings: Shaping the Case*; Illinois State Bar Association, Video  
Speaker Series, January 11, 2016 (Chicago, IL)

*UM, UIM & Homeowners*; Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, Update &  
Review Seminar, October 22, 2016 (Chicago, IL)

*Motions for Change of Venue and Forum Non Conveniens*, Illinois State  
Bar Association, Motion Practice from Pre-Trial Through Post-Trial,  
November 11, 2016 (Chicago, IL)

## **Memberships:**

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 2002 – present

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, *Board of Managers*, 2016-present

Illinois State Bar Association, 2002 – present

2004 - 2005: Associate Member, Civil Practice and Procedure Section Council

2006 - 2008: Member, Young Lawyers Division Section Council

American Association For Justice (Formerly ATLA), 2002 – present

2004 - 2007: Member, New Lawyers Division (NLD) Board of Governors

University of Illinois College of Law Alumni Board, Board of Directors, 2011-2012

Chair, Alumni Services Committee, University of Illinois College of Law Alumni Board, 2011-2012

University of Illinois College of Law Dean's Advisory Board, 2014-present

The National Trial Lawyers Association, 2012 – present

Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2019-present

## **Community:**

Village of Glen Ellyn

Member, *Ad Hoc* Library Committee, 2010

Illinois State Crime Commission

Board of Directors, 2006 - 2016

President, 2010 - 2016

Police Athletic League of Illinois

Board of Directors, 2006-2016

- Recipient, 2008 Bishop Sheil Award, for commitment to youth volunteer activities.
- Co-Chairman, 2009 Clothes for Kids Coat Drive. Distributed over 6400 coats to children throughout Chicagoland.
- Co-Chairman, Veteran's Program, Roosevelt University.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, 2003 - present

Court Appointed *Guardian Ad Litem*

McCormick Boys & Girls Club, 2004-2005

## College Bound Program

Young Professionals of Chicago, 2004 - 2005

Board of Directors, 2004 - 2005

Professional Development Committee, 2004 - 2005

### **Professional Recognition:**

Super Lawyers: 2010 *Illinois Rising Stars*

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Super Lawyers: 2012 *Illinois Rising Stars*

Super Lawyers: 2013 *Illinois Rising Stars*

Super Lawyers: 2014 *Illinois Rising Stars*

Super Lawyers: 2015

Super Lawyers: 2016

Super Lawyers: 2016 *Top 100*

Super Lawyers: 2017

Super Lawyers: 2018 *Top 100*

Super Lawyers: 2019

Super Lawyers: 2020 *Top 100*

Top 40 Under 40, The National Trial Lawyers Association, 2012

Top 40 Under 40, The National Trial Lawyers Association, 2013

Top 40 Under 40, The National Trial Lawyers Association, 2014

Top Lawyers, American Registry, 2012

Leading Lawyers: 2018

Leading Lawyers: 2019

Leading Lawyers: 2020