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### **EDUCATION**

J.D. Chicago-Kent College of Law (1989)

B.S. Northern Illinois University (1985)

### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Professional Liability

General Tort Defense

Construction Litigation

Employment Practices Liability

### **REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

*State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. v. John J. Rickoff Sheet Metal Co.*, 394 Ill.App.3d 548 (1st Dist. 2009).

*Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Co. v. Statewide Ins. Co.*, 352 F.3d 1098 (7th Cir. 2003).

*Ward-Kelley v. Fortis Ins. Co.*, 227 F.Supp.2d 972 (N.D.Ill. 2002).

*Sher v. Deane H. Tank, Inc.*, 269 Ill.App.3d 312, 645 N.E.2d 1046 (1st Dist. 1995).

*Amos v. Shell Oil Co.*, 247 Ill.App.3d 405, 617 N.E.2d 353 (1st Dist. 1993).

### **ARTICLES AND SPEECHES**

"Venue and *Forum Non Conveniens*," in *Illinois Civil Practice, Vol. 1*, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2015)

"Demonstrative Evidence," Illinois State Bar Association (2014)

"Cyber Liability Insurance – To Offer or Not to Offer, That is the Question" [with H. Wesley Sunu], *The Brief*, American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (Winter 2013)

Panelist - Cyber Liability and Insurance Providers, CLM Professional Liability Conference (July 2012)

"Anatomy of a Lawsuit," Illinois State Bar Association (2010)

"Defending the Insurance Producer: Duties, Proximate Cause Defenses and Avoiding Punitive Damages," *IDC Quarterly – Monograph*, Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009)

"Pleadings and Motions: The Defense Perspective," Illinois State Bar Association (2007)

"Effective Jury Selection: How to Pick a Jury," Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education Seminar (April 2003)

"How to Handle a Case in Arbitration or Mediation," Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Young Lawyers Seminar (April 2002)

"Attorneys," in *Suing and Defending Professionals*, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2001)

"How to Prevent and Defend Employment Claims," ATTSA "How To" Seminar (May 2001)

"The Insurance Producer's Ten Commandments," presented at Legislative Review Conference (April 2001, April 1998), also presented at DuPage Association of Health Underwriters (December 1996)

"Sue Me! After all I Did for Them?" Department of Insurance Approved Seminar (1999-2000)

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### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

*Assembly (2011-2013); Tort Law Committee (2011-2013)*

Chicago Bar Association

*Insurance Law Committee – Planning and Focus Subcommittee*

Hellenic Bar Association

*President (2000-2001); Chairman of the Board (2001-2002)*

Hellenic Bar Association Foundation

*Board of Directors (2002-present)*

Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

*Chairman (2002); Professional Liability Committee (2009-2011); Spring Seminar Committee (1997-2002)*

Hellenic Advisory Committee to the Circuit Court of Cook County (2004-present)