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Born, Evanston, Illinois. B.A., University of Wisconsin, 1983; J.D., DePaul University, 1986. Law clerk to the Honorable Brian L. Crowe, Circuit Court of Cook County, 1984-1986. Admitted to the Bar of Illinois and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1986; Central and Southern Districts of Illinois, 1995; and the Northern District of Indiana, 2001.

Practice Areas:

- Products Liability
  - chemical and mineral workplace exposures
  - electromagnetic field exposures
  - medical devices
  - lift devices
  - auto and truck wheels
- Medical Malpractice
- Class Actions
- Premises Liability
  - lead exposures
  - mold exposures
  - sick building syndrome
  - traumatic accidents
- Construction Related Liability
- Governmental/Civil Rights Liability
- Automobile Liability
  - uninsured/underinsured coverage litigation and arbitration
  - negligence

Professional Memberships and Activities:

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel: Co-chair Products Liability Committee
- Defense Research Institute: Toxic Tort and Environmental Law and Industrywide Litigation Committees
- Arbitrator: Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program
- Chicago and Illinois State Bar Associations; Defense Research Institute, and Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

Publications and Presentations:

Author, *Growth of Federal Preemption*, IDC Products Liability Newsletter "Defense Update", Vol. 9, No. 1 (January 2009).

Co-author, *Warning, Warning: Warnings Required Under Illinois Products Liability Law,* IDC Quarterly, 16:4, December, 2006.

Author, *Sophisticated User and Bulk Supplier Defenses - The Time for Their Use In Illinois Is Now,* IDC Quarterly, 14:4 (2004).

Co-author, *The Use of Standards and Preemption in the Defense of Product Design and Warning Cases: Making Your Government Work for You*, IDC Quarterly, Vol. 10, No. 3, September, 2000.

Co-author, *Defending Product Liability Cases in Illinois After the Best Decision,* IDC Quarterly, Vol. 8, No. 4, December, 1998.

Author, *Relating Back of Amended Pleadings: Not as Easy as You Think,* Tort Trends, Vol. 30, No. 1, July, 1994.

Author, *Application of Construction Statute of Repose to Asbestos Installation Contractors,* Tort Trends, Vol. 28, No. 6, June, 1993.

Co-author, *Immunity from Liability for Discretionary Acts of Officials of Local Governmental Entities Under the Tort Immunity Act,* Tort Trends, Vol. 28, No. 1, July, 1992.

Lecturer on Toxic Torts, Tort Reform, Expert Evidence, Negotiating and Civil Procedure.