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Education

J.D., De Paul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, 1997

B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter, Minnesota, 1995

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

Illinois, 1997

U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, 1997

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1999

Reported Appellate Decisions

Modelski v. Navistar Int'l Transp. Corp., 302 Ill.App.3d 879, 707 N.E.2d 239 (1st Dist. 1999), In *Modelski,* the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, in reversing a judgment entered against Mr. Mertz's client, held that expert testimony needed sufficient basis in fact to be admissible, and that juror experiments were impermissible during deliberations. The opinion is available here.

Keef v. Widuch, et al., 321 Ill.App.3d 571, 747 N.E.2d 992 (1st Dist. 2001), In *Keef*, the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, held that attorneys representing injured persons in workers' compensation claims owe their clients a duty to inform them or the possibilities of recoveries from third parties. The opinion is available here.

Presentations

ATV Accidents: Transportation Seminar, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, April 6, 2013.

Juror Deselection & Jury Management Conference, Law Bulletin Seminars, March 18, 2010.

Written Discovery and Other Documents in a Product Liability Case, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, May 16, 2007.

Bar Associations

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association – Member since 1996

Elected Member of the Board of Managers	2012 – present
Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee	2011 – present
Member of the lobbying Committee	2010 – present

Illinois Bar Association – Member since 1996

Elected Member of the Assembly	2012 – present

American Association for Justice – Member

Chicago Bar Association – Former member

Former chair of the Young Lawyer's Division's Tort Law Committee