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Education

J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL, 1984

President Alumni Board of Governors 2011

Chairman Annual Giving 2010-2012

Chairman Dean's Circle 2010-2012

Chairman Scholarship Committee 2008-2010

Sponsor Elder Law Lecture Series

Endowed Hurley McKenna & Mertz Scholarship Fund

B.A., Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, 1981

Honors: Dean's List

Major: Political Science

Major: Economics

Sponsor Tim Byrnes Lecture in Political Science

Endowed Hurley Family Scholarship Fund

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

Illinois, 1984

U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, 1984

U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit, 1997

U.S. District Court District of Utah, 1990

U. S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1997

U.S. District Court District of Minnesota, 2013

Professional & Bar Association Memberships

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

Member Since: 1984

3rd Vice President - 2013

Executive Committee 2010 - present

Board of Managers, 1996 – present

Board of Advocates, 1994 - 1996

Chairman-Legislative Relations Committee, 2010 - present

Illinois State Bar Association

Member Since: 1984

Elected to Board of Governors, 2011-2014

American Association for Justice (AAJ)

Member Since: 1991

Leaders Forum

Chicago Bar Association

Member Since: 1984

Legislative Committee, 1998-2002

Tort Law Committee, 1992-98

Civil Practice Committee, 1998 -2002

Society of Trial Lawyers

Member Since: 2006

Elected to membership (invitation only organization)

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Member Since: 2007

Elected to membership (invitation only organization)

American College of Trial Lawyers

Member Since: 2003

Elected to membership (invitation only organization)

Member Upstate Illinois Committee 2003-2009

International Academy of Trial Lawyers

Member Since: 2006

Elected to membership (invitation only organization)

American Bar Association

Published Works

Child Sexual Abuse by Clergy: Statute of Limitations and Repose Challenges, Illinois Bar Journal, November 2012

Wrongful Birth: Plaintiffs Can Recover for Emotional Distress, Illinois Bar Journal, November 2013

Practice Tips: Hill v. Northwestern Memorial Hospital – A birth injury case, ITLA Journal Winter 2014

Proximate Cause, ITLA Medical Malpractice Notebook, 2011

The Plaintiff Lawyer's Perspective on Contingency Fees, CBA Record, October 1994

Taking Control, Law Practice Management, May 2002

Reported Appellate Decisions

Clark v. Children's Memorial Hospital, 2011 IL 108656, 955 N.E.2d 1065 (2011). In *Clark*, the Illinois Supreme Court held that parents have a right to recover damages for their own emotional distress in a wrongful birth case where their child has a severe genetic disorder due to negligent genetic counseling.

Frigo v. Silver Cross Hospital, 377 Ill.App.3d 43, 876 N.E.2d 697 (1st Dist. 2007). In *Frigo*, the Illinois Appellate Court affirmed a jury's \$7,775,668.02 verdict for the plaintiff against a hospital, and held for the first time in Illinois that a plaintiff could pursue a claim against a hospital for negligent credentialing when an unqualified podiatrist's foot surgery at the hospital resulted in infection and ultimately amputation of the plaintiff's foot.

Kunz v. Little Company of Mary Hospital, 373 Ill.App.3d 615, 869 N.E.2d 328 (1st Dist. 2007). In *Kunz*, the Illinois Appellate Court affirmed a jury's \$3,200,000 jury verdict for an 81 year-old woman whose suffered kidney failure due to a nurse's medication error. The Appellate Court also held that the trial judge erroneously prevented plaintiff's expert from testifying at trial regarding the plaintiff's future medical expenses. The matter subsequently settled for \$6,200,000.

Torres v. City of Chicago, 352 Ill.App.3d 533, 816 N.E.2d 816 (1st Dist. 2004).

Corcoran v. Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter R.R. Corp., 345 Ill.App.3d 449, 803 N.E.2d 87 (1st Dist. 2003)

Keef v. Widuch, 321 Ill.App.3d 571, 747 N.E.2d 992 (1st Dist. 2001).

Johnson v. Zema Systems Corp., 170 F.3d 734 (7th Cir. 1999)

Hernandez v. Woodbridge Nursing Home, 287 Ill.App.3d 641, 678 N.E.2d 788

Britton v. Soltes, 205 Ill.App.3d 943, 563 N.E.2d 910

Northern Trust Bank v. Carl, 200 Ill.App.3d 773, 558 N.E. 2d 451

Delgatto v. Brandon Associates, Ltd., 172 Ill.App.3d 424, 526 N.E.2d 384

Kasper v. Saint Mary of Nazareth Hosp., 135 F.3d 1170

Credo v. Zema Systems Corp., 944 F.Supp. 677

Sonnemaker v. U.S., 807 F.Supp 483

Modelski v. Navistar International Trade Corporation, 302 Ill.App.3d 879, 707N.E.2d 239 (1st Dist. 1999)

Seminars and Presentations

Federal Trial Bar Practice Course, Chicago Bar Association, 1995 - 1996
Damages, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 1996
Prior Similar Accidents, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 1997
Wrongful Death Damages, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 1998
Proof of Proximate Cause, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 1994
Impact of Impact, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 1995
Civility, Illinois Defense Council, 1995 - 1998
Damages — From Intake to Trial, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 2002
Developing Damage Evidence, ITLA, December 2001
Effective Illinois Jury Selection, IICLE, Spring 2003
Essentials of Entering the PM&R Practice, Rush University Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, October 2002
Plaintiff's Perspective on Settlement, CBA, October 2003
Opening Statements, Chicago Bar Association, October 2006
Nursing Home Litigation, Loyola University School of Law, September 2006
Arthur and Wills, ITLA Update and Review Seminar, October 2007
Legal Testimony: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, Roosevelt University Neuropsychological Society, October 2007
Presenting the Injured Plaintiff: The Most Difficult Trial Witness, ITLA, December 2007
Expert Witness Testimony, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, San Francisco, March 2008
Transportation Torts Seminar - Planes, Trains and Automobiles - Bicycles, ITLA, February 2009
The Legal Hazards of Using Facilitated Communication, Behavioral Analysis Association of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan, February 2009
Obstetric Malpractice: Dealing With Proximate Cause Defenses, IQPC, Chicago, November 2009
Case Evaluation: Managing the High Verdict Potential Case, Law Bulletin Seminars, Chicago, November 2009
Handling the Money, ITLA, May 2010
Overcoming the ACOG Criteria, ITLA, December 2012
Wrongful Birth – Emotional Distress Damages, ITLA, December 2013

Honors and Awards

Leadership and Service Award, Loyola University School of Law, 1984
American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow since 2002
Leading Illinois Lawyer since 2003
International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Fellow since 2006
American Board of Trial Advocates, Member since 2006
Jury Verdict Reporter Award for Highest Wrongful Death Verdict in the history of Du Page County, 2013

Past Employment Position

Baker & McKenzie, Trial Lawyer, 1988 – 1992