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ARBITRATION

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association (AAA), 2008 – Present

Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), 2018 – Present

Arbitrator, Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program, 2003-2005

LEGAL

CTM Legal Group Chicago, IL

Partner, Commercial Litigation, January 2019 – Present

- Represent labor unions in cases involving corporate veil piercing, breaches of contract, injunctive relief, and compelling arbitration in state, federal, and appellate court matters
- Oversee all aspects of commercial litigation cases including supervising attorneys and staff, drafting pleadings and briefs, arguing motions, depositions, negotiating settlements, and advising clients
- Represent individual union members in disputes involving real estate, breaches of contracts, property damage, consumer disputes, and landlord-tenant disputes

Miller PC, Chicago, IL

Partner / Owner, Commercial Litigation & Labor Law, January 2018 – January 2019

- Drafting of pleadings and briefs, taking and defending depositions, appearing in court, conducting arbitrations, and negotiating settlements
- Serve as “Of Counsel” to Roeder Law Office LLC and Wexler Wallace LLP
- Investigate and evaluate potential new matters

Siprut PC, Chicago, IL

Partner, Commercial Litigation & Class Actions, March 2015 – January 2018

- Oversee all aspects of commercial litigation and class action cases including supervising attorneys, drafting pleadings and briefs, taking and defending depositions, and negotiating settlements
- Argue motions for summary judgment, motions *in limine*, motions to dismiss, and motions to compel
- Represent plaintiff at three-week jury trial, with co-counsel, including arguing motions and cross-examining expert
- Interview, hire, train, supervise, and review associate attorneys and staff

D’Orazio Capital Management, Inc., Chicago, IL

General Counsel, November 2013 – March 2015

- Oversee all aspects of firm’s legal work including litigation, mergers & acquisitions, compliance with government regulations, employment law, and general corporate work including the creation and dissolution of corporations
- Draft and negotiate stock purchase agreements, asset purchase agreements, letters of intent, supplier agreements, vendor agreements, non-disclosure agreements and real estate contracts
- Supervise and conduct due diligence investigations of potential acquisitions
- Hire and oversee outside counsel including attorneys from Winston & Strawn LLP, Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP, Reed Smith LLP, and Vedder Price LLP on matters such as private equity fund formation, intellectual property, and corporate taxation

- Advise fellow corporate officers on legal responsibilities and corporate compliance issues
- Litigate and negotiate settlements in employment law matters

Novack and Macey LLP, Chicago, IL

Partner, Commercial Litigation, October 2007 – October 2013

Associate, Commercial Litigation, August 2002 – September 2007

- Oversee all aspects of complex commercial litigation cases including supervising attorneys and staff, drafting pleadings and briefs, arguing motions, taking and defending depositions, negotiating settlements, and advising clients
- Litigate multi-defendant corporate veil piercing case, including second-chairing a federal bench trial
- Defend an estate at a three-week jury trial, with co-counsel, and defeated a million dollar claim brought by a major university
- Secure dismissal with prejudice of counts brought against a hedge fund by eleven investors in three separate actions, including claims for violation of the Illinois Securities Law Act, violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, breach of fiduciary duty, and negligence
- Prosecute and settle, with two partners, \$750 million breach of contract case involving the purchase of a foreign power facility
- Obtain emergency temporary restraining orders in covenant-not-to-compete cases and other matters, including conducting oral arguments

Butler, Rubin, Saltarelli & Boyd LLP, Chicago, IL

Associate, Commercial Litigation, May 2000 – July 2002

- Argue motions, draft briefs, take and defend depositions, negotiate settlements, and advise clients in a wide range of commercial litigation cases including breach of contract, business torts, insurance law, and employment law
- Selected by client's in-house counsel to be member of four-attorney team which supervised asbestos cases, including trial work and strategy, throughout Illinois
- Personally received referrals from co-counsel and in-house counsel for cases involving contract disputes, real estate, personal injuries, and building code violations

Champaign County State's Attorney's Office, Champaign, IL

Assistant State's Attorney, May 1998 – May 2000

- Handle all aspects of monthly jury trials including pre-trial investigations, preparing witnesses, arguing pre-trial motions, *voir dire*, opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments
- Formulate trial and evidentiary hearing strategy based upon communications with victims, witnesses, law enforcement officers, defense attorneys, and judges
- Progress at accelerated rate from entry level to being assigned to four murder cases, two of which were tried to guilty verdicts and two of which resulted in pleas
- Conduct fifty jury trials, including two successful murder cases and five successful back-to-back jury trials, as well as numerous bench trials
- Supervise and coordinate efforts of junior prosecutors, law students with Rule 711 licenses, victim-witness advocates, and support staff
- Held two-full time positions, handling misdemeanor and felony matters, for extended period of time

TEACHING

Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL

Adjunct Professor, 2005 – Present

- Trial Advocacy Instructor, Fall Semesters (2005 – Present)
- Advanced Trial Advocacy Instructor, Spring Semesters (2013 – Present)
- Trial Advocacy Instructor, Executive LLM Tel Aviv Program, Summer Semesters (2018 – Present)
- Guest Speaker, Lawyer Memoirs Seminar, Fall Semesters (2017 – Present)

University of Illinois College of English, Champaign, IL

Teaching Assistant, 1995 – 1997

- Independently taught a business writing course to two classes of 22 upperclass undergraduates per semester while attending law school
- Designed and utilized a syllabus, ten writing assignments, group projects, and daily lesson plans

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1997

- University of Illinois College of Law Merit Scholarship Recipient (full tuition waiver)
- High Honors distinction in Legal Writing Course
- Honors Distinction in Moot Court Course
- Represented Clients in Civil Clinic Course
- Top 2% LSAT Score

University of Illinois College of Business, Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, *magna cum laude*, May 1992

- Resident Assistant at Illini Tower (1990-1992)
- Chi Phi Social Fraternity

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING

- “Laying Foundations for Introducing Evidence,” IICLE, Author (260 page book) (2021, 2018)
- “Illinois Civil Practice: Preparing for Trial—Final Preparations for Trial,” IICLE (2021)
- “Illinois Civil Practice: Preparing for Trial—Summary Judgment,” IICLE (2021, 2018)
- “Illinois Civil Practice: Preparing for Trial—Motions, Requests, and Notices,” IICLE (2021, 2018)
- “Illinois Civil Practice: Preparing for Trial—Proof of Facts in Civil Cases,” IICLE (2021, 2018, 2012)
- “Illinois Civil Practice: Evidentiary Motions at Trial,” IICLE (2021, 2012 Supp.)
- “Illinois Civil Discovery Practice: Deposition Taking,” IICLE (2021, 2017)
- “Illinois Civil Discovery Practice: Oral Deposition Preparation,” IICLE (2021, 2017)
- “Illinois Civil Discovery Practice: Limitations on Discovery,” IICLE (2021, 2017, 2011 Supp., 2009)
- “Federal Civil Practice: Discovery,” IICLE (2020, 2015)
- “Federal Civil Practice: Motion Practice,” IICLE (2020, 2015, 2012 Supp., 2010)
- “Federal Civil Practice: Pleading Under the Federal Rules,” IICLE (2020, 2015, 2012 Supp.)
- “Disputes Involving Closely Held Companies: Closely Held Entity Civil Procedure Issues,” IICLE (2020)
- “Disputes Involving Closely Held Companies: Recurring Ethical Issues,” IICLE (2020)
- “Trial Advocacy for Civil Litigators,” Organizer and Moderator (Oct. 2019)
- “Inside & Outside the Jury Box: Working with Trial Consultants,” IICLE (2019)
- “Laying Foundations for Introducing Evidence,” IICLE, Organizer, Moderator, and Speaker (Dec. 2018)
- “Illinois Civil Practice: Preserving the Record During Trial,” IICLE (2018, 2012 Supp., 2009)
- “Illinois Civil Practice: Motions at the Close of Evidence,” IICLE (2018, 2012 Supp., 2009)
- “Using Class Actions for Credit Card Data Theft,” 104 Ill. B.J. 42 (Aug. 2016)
- “Understanding Class Actions,” Chicago Bar Association CLE, Speaker (Jan. 2016)
- Trial Advocacy Webcast Series, IICLE, Speaker (Jan., Feb., and April 2013)
 - “Motions at Trial,” “Negotiating Settlements,” and “Cross Examinations”
- “Secrets of Settling,” Smart Business Chicago (2012)
- “The Dangers of Litigating in the Media,” 100 Ill. B.J. 42 (Jan. 2012)
- “Emergency Relief,” Smart Business Chicago (2011)
- “The Perils of Protective Orders,” CBA Record (April 2011)

“Avoiding the Innocent Spoliation of Evidence,” CBA Record (May 2010)
“When Can You Defend Both a Corporation and Its Officers?,” 97 Ill. B.J. 618 (Dec. 2009)
“Departing Executives and the Wage Payment Act,” 96 Ill. B.J. 139 (Mar. 2008)
“TROs: A Guide to Winning Emergency Relief in Illinois,” 93 Ill. B.J. 530 (Oct. 2005)
“An Introduction to Opinion Testimony Disclosures in Illinois,” 89 Ill. B.J. 18 (Jan. 2001)

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

University of Illinois College of Law Alumni Loyalty Award (2017)
University of Illinois College of Law Alumni-Student Conference, Speaker (2004 - 2020)
University of Illinois College of Law Alumni Board (2012 – 2015)

- President (2014 – 2015)

IICLE Author of the Year Award (2015, Co-Recipient 2010)
“40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 To Watch,” Award Recipient (2008)
Chicago Magazine “Super Lawyer” (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
Chicago Magazine “Rising Star” (2008, 2009, 2010)
Leading Lawyer (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
Illinois State Bar Association Member (2008 – Present)
American Bar Association Member (2011 – Present)
University Club of Chicago Member (2006 – Present)

- Admissions Committee (2019 – Present)
- Membership Development Committee (2007 – 2009)

FEES

Arbitration / Interest Arbitration

- \$1,300 per day

Mediation

- \$1,300 per day

Expenses

- Airfare, lodging, car rental, food, parking and tolls
- Inordinate office expenses, *e.g.* overnight mail, if requested by the parties

Cancellation charges

- One day charged for each date canceled or postponed within 14 days of the hearing date
- Non-refundable expenses incurred