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“I help health care providers, agri-businesses, and community businesses on everyday to "bet the ranch" matters.”

A typical day for me ranges from advising healthcare systems on severance of professional relationships and responses to physician credentialing requests to representing major agri-lenders in central Illinois in multiple bankruptcy proceedings to helping a small liberal arts college secure its testamentary entitlement in will contest proceedings.

Business & Corporate

- Healthcare
- Financial Institutions
- Business Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Litigation

Representative Matters

- Represented a publicly traded energy company in Illinois federal courts. Our client recovered in excess of \$3MM including attorney's fees after a motion for summary judgment and appellate review.
- Successfully defended a Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act claim in an Illinois bankruptcy court. The amount sought by the bankruptcy trustee exceeded \$1MM. Our client prevailed in the trial court and the matter settled in a Seventh Circuit mediation for less than three percent of the original recovery sought by the trustee.
- Representation of regional healthcare facility in securing a \$30MM credit raise for a building expansion.

Education

- Southern Methodist University, Dedman Law School, 1980
 - J.D.
- Knox College, 1977
 - B.A., *cum laude*

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Peoria County Bar Association
 - Board of Directors, 1992-1993; 1998-2001; 2011-present
 - President, 2003-2004
- Illinois Bar Foundation
 - Board of Directors, 2006-2007
- Illinois State Bar Association
 - Delivery of Legal Services, 2004-2006
- Special Illinois Supreme Court Committee
 - Pro Bono Publico Legal Service, 2001-2005
- Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois for Agricultural Affairs, 1984-1986

Admissions

- Illinois, 1980

Professional Achievements

- Illinois *Leading Lawyers*: "Leading Commercial Litigation Lawyers," 2023
- *Peoria Magazine*, Leading Lawyers, 2023
- Illinois *Leading Lawyers*, 2013-2023
- Illinois *Super Lawyers*, 2008-2018
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating