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Daniel M. Yukich is a trial attorney whose practice focuses on healthcare litigation, catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims, institutional and premises liability, investigations, construction disputes, insurance coverage, and professional liability matters. He represents healthcare systems, hospitals, physicians, nurses, businesses, insurers, property owners, and contractors in complex litigation and high-exposure disputes throughout Illinois. He regularly serves as lead counsel in matters involving significant financial exposure, reputational concerns, sensitive allegations, and operational challenges. Drawing upon his background as a prosecutor, Mr. Yukich also leads Johnson & Bell's Investigations Practice, assisting clients with internal investigations and matters involving allegations of misconduct, abuse, fraud, and other sensitive issues.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Yukich served for more than five years as an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County, Illinois. In that role, he developed extensive courtroom and trial experience handling a wide range of contested matters. During his tenure, he conducted numerous jury trials, bench trials, evidentiary hearings, and contested proceedings. He has continued to build upon that trial experience in private practice, representing clients in complex civil litigation through verdict. Having represented parties as a prosecutor, plaintiff's counsel, and defense counsel during his career, Mr. Yukich brings a practical and balanced perspective to case evaluation, litigation strategy, negotiation, and trial. The courtroom experience he gained as a prosecutor continues to inform his approach to complex civil litigation, trial strategy, witness examination, investigations, and high-stakes dispute resolution.

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A substantial portion of Mr. Yukich's practice is devoted to defending healthcare providers, hospitals, and healthcare systems in medical negligence and healthcare-related litigation. He routinely represents hospitals, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals in matters involving allegations of professional negligence, institutional liability, patient safety issues, and complex medical causation. He also advises healthcare providers regarding peer review matters, credentialing issues, medical staff governance, fair hearing proceedings, regulatory compliance, corrective action proceedings, physician employment-related disputes, and National Practitioner Data Bank reporting considerations.

Mr. Yukich is an experienced litigator with significant trial experience handling matters involving catastrophic injuries, wrongful death claims, allegations of institutional negligence, negligent security, transportation liability, and other complex tort claims. He regularly represents clients through all phases of litigation, including investigation, discovery, motion practice, mediation, arbitration, trial, and appeal.

Mr. Yukich also represents clients in matters involving allegations of sexual misconduct, abuse, negligent supervision, negligent retention, negligent security, and other claims presenting significant reputational, operational, and financial exposure. He assists organizations in navigating sensitive investigations and litigation involving alleged misconduct by employees, third parties, patients, residents, students, and patrons while working to minimize legal and operational risk.

In addition, Mr. Yukich represents businesses, property owners, developers, and commercial entities in a wide range of business and commercial disputes. His experience includes contract disputes, property-related litigation, business tort claims, indemnification issues, and complex multiparty litigation involving competing contractual obligations and commercial interests.

His practice further includes the representation of owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, and insurers in construction-related disputes involving personal injury claims, contractual indemnification, insurance procurement obligations, risk-transfer issues, and additional insured litigation. He also regularly advises insurers and insureds regarding insurance coverage matters, defense and indemnity obligations, reservation of rights issues, and priority-of-coverage disputes.

Clients rely on Mr. Yukich for practical counsel, strategic advocacy, and effective courtroom representation. He is committed to developing thoughtful litigation strategies that align with his clients' business and professional objectives while aggressively protecting their interests in complex and high-stakes matters.

Representative Experience

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- Serving as lead trial counsel in high-exposure litigation involving catastrophic injuries, allegations of negligent supervision, and damages claims of $50 million.
- Defending hospitals, healthcare systems, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals in medical negligence and healthcare liability litigation.
- Representing physicians and healthcare organizations in medical staff disputes, corrective action proceedings, credentialing matters, peer review investigations, fair hearing proceedings, and National Practitioner Data Bank reporting issues.
- Counseling healthcare providers and healthcare organizations regarding medical staff bylaws, professional review actions, regulatory compliance, and risk management concerns.

- Representing businesses, healthcare providers, and institutions in litigation involving allegations of sexual misconduct, abuse, negligent supervision, negligent retention, and negligent security.
- Advising organizations facing sensitive incidents involving alleged misconduct by employees, patients, patrons, residents, students, and third parties.
- Defending owners, property managers, businesses, and institutions in premises liability, negligent security, and catastrophic injury litigation.
- Representing businesses and commercial entities in complex disputes involving contractual obligations, indemnification rights, property-related claims, business torts, and multiparty litigation.
- Representing general contractors, subcontractors, developers, and insurers in complex construction litigation involving personal injury claims, contractual indemnification, risk transfer, and insurance procurement obligations.
- Advising clients regarding insurance coverage issues, reservation of rights analyses, defense and indemnity obligations, additional insured disputes, and priority-of-coverage questions.
- Managing high-profile matters involving significant reputational concerns, media attention, parallel investigations, and substantial damages exposure.
- Managing complex disputes involving parallel litigation, administrative proceedings, regulatory concerns, and reputational risk.
- Successfully advocating for clients through mediation, arbitration, dispositive motion practice, and trial.

Mr. Yukich received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School and a B.A. in political science and government from John Carroll University. During law school, he was a law clerk with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, where he prosecuted several cases with his law student license. He also was a judicial extern for the Honorable John W. Darrah of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and as a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, Mr. Yukich is a member of its law society.

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ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

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Wisconsin Supreme Court

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 2011

John Carroll University, B.A., 2007

CLIENT RESULTS

Cischke, Yukich Secure Dismissal for Indiana Hospital in Jurisdictional Dispute

Cischke, Yukich Secure Dismissal with Prejudice in Breach of Privacy Dispute

Schneiderman, Yukich Secure Summary Judgment in Premises Liability Dispute Involving University

Cischke, Yukich Secure Defense Verdict in Cardiac Surgery Dispute Seeking $5.8M in Damages

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

"Medical-Legal Issues in the ER - Johnson Bell," Client Presentation, January 2025

PUBLICATIONS

"Attorney Client Privilege Under Attack: Disclosing Defendant Physicians as 213(f)(3) Witnesses," Johnson & Bell Blog Article, June 2020

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