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SERVICE AREAS

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David A. Warnick concentrates his practice in products liability, general liability, transportation, and insurance coverage disputes. He currently serves as national coordinating counsel (NCC) relating to product liability disputes involving commercial lighting products. The NCC role involves multiple countries and navigation of international laws, local rules and of course, different cultures.

Mr. Warnick's practice also includes defending excess liability carriers in the most catastrophic types of losses. He also handles a variety of large exposure products liability cases that involve warnings and/or product defect issues in the context of both subrogation and/or personal injury. With respect to insurance coverage matters, Mr. Warnick has addressed various disputes in the areas of commercial liability, construction defects, and environmental claims.

Mr. Warnick has co-authored *The IDC Monograph* on the subjects of the doctrine of forum *non conveniens* (2021) and Sole proximate cause (2022). His most recent *IDC Quarterly* contribution is an analysis he co-wrote of the Illinois Supreme Court's ruling in *McQueen v. Green*, a ruling that dismantled five decades of Illinois case law (2023). He is also co-authoring an upcoming issue regarding nuclear verdicts and scheduled for publication in 2024.

In 2019, Mr. Warnick published a stand alone article in the *IDC Quarterly* about the *Neuhengen* ruling, which, although not cited, paved the way for the eventual decision in *McQueen v. Green*.

He recently completed course work at Harvard on cybersecurity and information risk management to help his clients address a dramatic increase in cybersecurity insurance claims. Mr. Warnick is also studying for the Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) exam.

Mr. Warnick received his J.D. from Capital University Law School. While earning his degree, he worked as law clerk for a personal injury law firm. In addition, he externed for Judge Norah McCann King at the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. He also externed at the Federal Public Defenders office in Ohio working on death penalty appeals.

Mr. Warnick is also a member of the Chicago Bar Association, DRI and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel.

ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

Ohio Supreme Court

EDUCATION

Capital University Law School, J.D.

University of Dayton, B.A.

AFFILIATIONS

Illinois Defense Counsel, member of the Editorial Board for IDC Quarterly

Member of Illinois State Bar Association

Member of Chicago Bar Association

HONORS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America, 2023-2026

Rising Star, Illinois Super Lawyers, 2021-2023

CLIENT RESULTS

Summary Judgment Ruling Ends Defamation, IIED Lawsuit Against School

Survivors of Truck Driver Allege Improperly Loaded Cargo Spilled Out of Trailer and Crushed Driver. In Granting SJ Court Ruled Plaintiff's Case Over Reliant on Speculation.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "McQueen v Green: The Illinois Supreme Court Weighs in on Alternate Theory Claims of Vicarious and Direct Liability for Employers," Volume 33, Number 1

Co-Author, "The Element of Proximate Cause in a Personal Injury Lawsuit: Analysis, Complicating Factors, and Changing Jury Instructions," IDC Quarterly, Vol. 32, Number 3.

The Evolution of Forum Non Conveniens in Illinois and Recent Legislation to Limit the Doctrine, February 22nd, 2021.

Author, Neuhengen Decision Increases Spector for Recovery of Punitive Damages from less than Diligent Defendant Employers,