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Matthew L. Johnson is a shareholder and one of the vice-presidents of the firm. During his career, he has been ranked and recognized in Leading Lawyers, Super Lawyers, and Best Lawyers in America for his professional achievements.

Matt has a litigation and trial practice involving representation of insureds including healthcare delivery systems, long-term care facilities, schools and universities, and hospitality chains. He has been with Johnson & Bell since 1995, and has had an active trial practice in Chicago's Cook County, and the suburban Chicago and downstate Illinois counties since 2006. He has experience in representing health care providers in investigations and actions brought by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Mr. Johnson is an active member of several legal and health care-oriented organizations. These include the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Defense Research Institute (DRI), the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IADTC), and the Chicago Bar Association (CBA). He is a frequent speaker on medical liability and risk management issues for hospitals and long-term care facilities.

In 2022, Mr. Johnson was elected a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and the Illinois Chapter of ABOTA.

ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Federal Trial Bar

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1996

Wittenberg University, B.A., 1992

AFFILIATIONS

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); Associate Member since 2022

Chicago Bar Association

Chicagoland Healthcare Risk Management Society (CHRMS)

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel

Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

Have Dreams

Autism Speaks

HONORS

"Super Lawyer" (Medical Malpractice Defense), Illinois Super Lawyers 2009-2026

Leading Lawyers, 2013-2022

Outstanding Defense Verdict Award-Medical Malpractice, 2012 at the Jury Verdict Reporter Trial Lawyer Excellence Awards

Best Lawyers, 2021-2026

CLIENT RESULTS

[Johnson and Lynam Successfully Defend Will County IL Spine Surgeon in \\$4.5M Medical Malpractice Trial](#)

[Johnson Secures Summary Judgment for Hospital in Spine Injury Case Seeking Millions in Damages](#)

[Plaintiff Seeks \\$1M for Post-Op Fall; Jury Awards Less Than \\$200K](#)

[Johnson, Connery Secure Defense Verdict in Favor of Physician and Hospital in Negligent Hospital Discharge Case](#)

[Johnson, Vickrey Secure Verdict for Defense. Plaintiff Sought \\$800K for Post-Op Hospital Fall](#)

[Johnson Secures Defense Verdict in \\$5M Wrongful Death Case Against Physician and Medical Group](#)

[Johnson Secures Defense Verdict in \\$1M Medical Malpractice Case Brought by Former Pro Tennis Player](#)

[Matthew L. Johnson Receives Favorable Result in Premises Liability Case](#)

[Johnson and Johnson Obtain Defense Verdict for Hospital in HIV Transplant Case – Plaintiff Sought \\$45 Million](#)

[Matthew L. Johnson Obtains Defense Verdict for Ob/Gyn in Medical Malpractice Case](#)

[William V. Johnson Obtains Verdict in Favor of Chicago Medical Center, Obstetrician in Birth Injury Case](#)

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

"Physician-Nurse Communication: Seven Ways to Avoid the Pitfalls", Webinar presentation to a local healthcare delivery system, May 2021.

"Anatomy of High Risk - High Stakes Lawsuit: From Incident to 'Not Guilty' Verdict", Johnson & Bell Medical Liability Seminar, May 3, 2012.

"Preventing a Lawsuit When the Inevitable Bad Outcome Occurs," Advocate South Suburban Hospital Physician Practice Improvement, June 16, 2010.

Panelist, "Risk Management Considerations in Radiology," Chicago Hospital Risk Management Society (CHRMS) webinar, Sept. 25, 2009.

"Never Events", presented at the Physician Practice Improvement Seminar, Advocate South Suburban Hospital, Hazel Crest, IL, April 15, 2009.

"Keeping Lawyers at Bay: Transparency and Completeness in Medical Record Keeping and Documentation," presented at the Physician Practice Improvement Conference at Advocate South Suburban Hospital, Hazel Crest, Illinois, Jan. 28, 2009.

"Specific Torts," presented with Michael T. Gill of Pfaff & Gill, P.C., before Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), June 29, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

"Wrongful Death Act Allows Plaintiffs to Pursue MedMal Claim Against Other Physicians." Client Advisory, January 12, 2022.

"Illinois Governor Signs into Law Prejudgment Interest Bill", Client Advisory, May 2021

Co-author, "In Defense of Nursing Homes: What Executive Order 2020-19 Might Provide," Client Advisory, April 2020

"Gov. Quinn Signs Bill for Higher Fees in Med Mal Cases", Johnson & Bell Health Care Newsletter, Winter 2013

"The Successful Defense of an Informed Consent Case", For the Defense, September 2012

"Expert Witness Selection Requires Preparation", Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, October 6, 2011

Co-Author, "10 Years Later, Section 2-622, 90 Day Extension Rule Invalidated & Defendants Stripped of a Valuable Defense," Johnson & Bell, Ltd. Health Care Newsletter Summer 2008

Defense Verdict for Hospital Reinstated; "Missing Witness" Issue , Illinois Caselaw Update, March 28, 2008

Forum Non Conveniens, Illinois Caselaw Update, June 19, 2008