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SERVICE AREAS

[Complex / Catastrophic](#)

[General Negligence](#)

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INDUSTRY SECTORS

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John A. Childers is a vice president at Johnson & Bell and serves on the firm's Board of Directors. He is chair of the firm's Retail group and also handles general negligence and premises liability, complex/catastrophic litigation and retail liability matters. He also has defended clients in matters alleging sexual misconduct or sexual harassment.

Mr. Childers has served as national coordinating counsel for a national drug store chain in numerous mass tort matters and has also filled this role in individual cases. He has worked in the same capacity with a tool manufacturer in cases alleging cumulative trauma injuries and loss of hearing, and with a building materials manufacturer for approximately 1,500 roof-related claims.

Mr. Childers has been recognized with an AV rating from [Martindale-Hubbell](#) and has been recognized by *Illinois Super Lawyers* 2004 -2014. He has also served on panels and given lectures on manufacturing litigation and risk and insurance management. Mr. Childers belongs to several organizations including the American and Chicago Bar Associations, the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, the Trial Lawyers Club of Chicago and the Defense Research Institute.

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ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., 1980

Northwestern University, B.S., 1977

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Defense Research Institute (Member, Mass Tort Steering Committee of Product Liability Committee)

Illinois State Bar Association

HONORS

AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell

Illinois Super Lawyers 2004-2014, 2018-2020

Leading Lawyer 2005-2022

CLIENT RESULTS

[Defending National Pharmacy Chain in Multi-District Litigation](#)

[Defended Pharmacy Chain in Mass Tort Matters](#)

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

"Sexual Harassment and Physical Assault Claims," Risk and Insurance Management Society at the Risk Management and Employee Benefits Conference and Exhibition (REBEX 1995), November 1995

"Harmonizing Manufacturing Agreements and Marketing with the Realities of Products Litigation," Defense Research Institute, Products Liability Seminar, February 1998

Panelist, "Medical Device & Drug Product Liability Litigation: Current Developments in Multi-District Litigation", American Law Firm Association, 2008 Product Liability Seminar; November, 2008