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SERVICE AREAS

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Robert J. Comfort focuses in general negligence, premises liability, transportation and trucking, hotel hospitality, as well as medical malpractice. Mr. Comfort has handled numerous complex/catastrophic or class action cases which include product liability claims, aviation accidents and product release from train tank car accidents. Mr. Comfort has represented a national hotel chain, and handled cases in several states. In addition to Illinois, he has appeared as trial counsel in Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Nevada, New York and Texas. For the ALFA Hospitality Fall Seminar's "Compendium, 2012," Mr. Comfort co-wrote an article analyzing the "[Illinois Spoliation of Evidence Law](#)." He frequently lectures on issues affecting the relationship between franchisor and franchisee, and the critical role control plays in assessing liability when mishaps occur on a franchised property.

Holder of an AV rating from [Martindale-Hubbell](#), Mr. Comfort is a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, the Trial Lawyers Club of Chicago and the American Law Firm Association Hospitality Law Section.

He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Santa Clara, and his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame.

ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, J.D., 1986

University of Santa Clara, B.S., 1983

AFFILIATIONS

ALFA International Hospitality Law Section

Illinois State Bar Association

American Bar Association

HONORS

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Illinois Super Lawyers 2012

CLIENT RESULTS

Robert Thompson v. Hilton Hotels Corporation, No. 01-07-3206 (1st Dist. 2009)

Sarah Herriott v. Allied Signal, Inc., 998 F. 2d 487 (7th Circuit, 1993)

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

Featured speaker at the 2016 Risk Management & Security Symposium, discussing general liability issues, guest security and review recent legal cases involving the hospitality industry. Chicago, IL. September 29, 2016.

Moderated panel discussion, "The X's and O's of Cross Examination: Strategies & Techniques for Cross-Examining Your Opponent's Expert," during the ALFA International 2014 Hospitality Law Practice Group Seminar. New Orleans, LA. November 7, 2014.

Moderated panel discussion, "Under Lock & Key – Who's in Control? (The Franchisor-Franchisee Dilemma)" at ALFA International's Hospitality Law Seminar. Coronado, CA. November 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author of an article on the Illinois Spoilation of Evidence Law, ALFA Hospitality Fall Seminar's Compendium. 2012.