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Brian P. Gainer is a vice president at Johnson & Bell and serves as the firm's treasurer. He is chair of the firm's Municipal Liability practice group and has been recognized by his peers as an Illinois Leading Lawyer for several years. Mr. Gainer holds an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

He focuses his practice in the areas of municipal and governmental tort liability, premises liability, product liability, trucking and transportation law, construction law, and toxic torts. He was formerly a member of the Chicago Police Department, and received the Chicago City Council Lifesaving Award.

Mr. Gainer routinely handles complex, high-profile matters for his clients. These lawsuits involve serious personal injury and death. He has obtained numerous favorable jury verdicts for his clients. His defendants include municipalities, police officers, doctors, and nurses in federal civil rights litigation. He’s also obtained dismissals and summary judgment rulings in both state and federal court. He has successfully defended trucking companies, product manufacturers, and premises owners in various types of suits.

Mr. Gainer earned his undergraduate degree from John Carroll University and his J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

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SERVICE AREAS

Municipal Liability
General Negligence
Investigations

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Construction
Retail
Transportation
Private Security

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ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

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Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Trial Bar, Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D. (cum laude), 2005

John Carroll University, B.A., 1997

HONORS

Chicago City Council Lifesaving Award from the Chicago Police Department

Leading Lawyer 2021, 2022

CLIENT RESULTS

Gainer, Burkoth Secure Defense Verdict in Officer Involved Shooting Case. Plaintiff Sought $4M in Damages.

In an Admitted Liability Case, Gainer Brings Dose of Reality to Plaintiff's Damages Demands

Gainer Secures “Soft Landing” in FELA Case After Plaintiff Sought $1.8M for Injured Wrist

Gainer, Burkoth Secure Defense Verdict in Contentious, Officer Involved Shooting Case

Johnson & Bell Secures Ruling in Favor of Municipality and its Police Officers in First Degree Murder Case

Gainer Secures Defense Verdict in Favor of Police Officers

Defense Verdict for Chicago Police Officer in $15M Wrongful Death Case

Gainer Gets Multiple Charges Dismissed Against Chicago Police Officer

Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment Dismissing Case Against Police Officers

Brian P. Gainer Obtains Defense Verdict in Federal Municipal Liability Case

Brian P. Gainer Secures Defense Verdict for Chicago Police Officers

Brian P. Gainer Earns Defense Verdict for Chicago Police Officers

Gainer Secures Not Guilty Verdict in Excessive Force Case

Gainer Obtains Defense Verdict in Municipal Liability Case

Brian P. Gainer Secures Verdict in Favor of Chicago Police Sergeant on False Arrest Charges

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

"In Biegert, Seventh Circuit Ruling Sustains Use of Lethal Force When Officers Face Immediate Threats of Serious Harm." Client Advisory, August 19, 2020

"Probable Cause for Arrest vs. Probable Cause to Initiate Criminal Proceedings - How the Standard Differs Based on the Claim," Johnson & Bell Municipal Newsletter, Summer 2012.

"Illinois Supreme Court Ruling Brings Tort Immunity Act Back to Full Strength," Johnson & Bell Municipal Law Alert, Summer 2011

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