PHARMACEUTICALS & MEDICAL DEVICES

The Johnson & Bell Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation Group has experience representing and defending large drug and medical device manufacturers as trial counsel and National Coordinating Counsel, including work for the world's largest provider of medical-surgical products and supply chain solutions. These products are used across healthcare settings including products and components connected to pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and cosmetics. Because these cases are complex and highly technical, this work requires both legal expertise and deep scientific and medical knowledge.

J&B lawyers thoroughly understand FDA rules, industry compliance requirements, and product liability law, but beyond legal knowledge, also possess strong scientific and medical understanding in fields like:

- How drugs work in the body (pharmacology);
- How substances may cause harm (toxicology);
- How diseases and health outcomes are studied in populations (epidemiology);
- General medicine; and
- Biomedical engineering (how medical devices are designed and function)

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Johnson & Bell Indiana Team Prevails in Hospital Premises Liability Retrial

Twenty Johnson & Bell Shareholders and Associates Honored by Best Lawyers for 2027

Retired J&B Shareholder James "Jamie" Toohey Dies at 82

Six Johnson & Bell Attorneys Recognized as "Chicago Elite" by Legal 500

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Johnson & Bell Ranked Among Top Commercial Litigation Firms in 2026 Chambers USA Guide

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J&B Chicago Associate Wins Rule 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss in Federal Court

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Johnson & Bell Litigation Team Prevails in Binding Arbitration

Sam Branum Obtains Defense Verdict in Federal Civil Rights Trial

Garrett Boehm Defends Favorable Result for Hospital Client with Appellate Victory

Indiana Team Continues to Deliver Positive Results for National Delivery Client

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Johnson & Bell Shareholder Katie Gorrie Speaks at Chicago Risk and Claims Workshop

Shareholder David Warnick Speaks at ALFA International Panel Regarding Product Liability and International Companies

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Conforti, Busch, and Sandowski Secure Client Victory in Cook County Trucking Accident Case

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Johnson & Bell Shareholder Stacey Cischke Honored by Law Bulletin Media

Patrick Morris Honored by Irish Legal 100

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Seven J&B Associates Pass The Bar Exam

Johnson & Bell Named 2025 "Firm of the Year" by the South Asian Bar Association of Chicago

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J&B Attorneys Hearn and Farris Win Summary Judgement Motion in Michigan Case

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Julie Busch and Nicholas Sandowski Secure Win for National Restaurant Chain Client

James Balog and Ariel Flood Win Motion for Summary Judgment for National Retailer

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Johnson & Bell Secures Directed Verdict in Indiana Hospital Fall Suit, Plaintiff Appeal Turned Down

Farewell Conversation with Retiring Shareholder Charles "Chuck" Rantis

Ryndak, Fencl Participate in ALFA Insurance Roundtable

Cischke and Bender Obtain Defense Verdict in Health Care Agency Matter

Vera and Sedia Secure Dismissal for Client in Cook County Circuit Court, Prevail on Appeal

Busch & Sandowski Secure Significant Client Win in Cook County Circuit Court

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Johnson & Bell Emerging Leaders Host Fall Social at the CAA Game Room for Clients and Friends

Illinois Supreme Court Recognizes Broad Statutory Immunity to Health Care Facilities Invoked by COVID-19 Executive Order

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Cischke, Connery Secure Defense Verdict for Hospital in MRI Dispute Seeking $11.6M

Of all the Blues Clubs in all the Towns in all the World, Carlos A. Vera Will Be Setting the Tone in this Blues Club in Puerto Rico

Hearn, Stanzione and Mueller Obtain Defense Verdict in Dispute Seeking $4.9M from Physician Assistant

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Cook County Delivers Holiday Present – A New Paid Leave Ordinance

Labor Department Unveils Final Rule on Independent Contractor Classification

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Hannigan, Kennedy Secure Defense Verdict in Favor of Hospital in Will County Case. Plaintiff Sought $17.5M.

Pat Morris Reflects on 40 Years of Trial Advocacy

Sedia Secures Dismissal of Commercial Dispute Under Indiana's Forum Non Conveniens Provision

Illinois Supreme Court Denies Leave to Appeal from J&B Appellate Victory

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Breitweiser-Hurst Secures Summary Judgment for Clients in False Arrest, Defamation Dispute

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David Warnick to Discuss Preserving Issues on Appeal at October 12 Civil Practice Seminar

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DOL Seeks to Raise Overtime Exemption to $55K

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

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Illinois Amends Wrongful Death and Survival Acts to Allow for Punitive Damages

Plaintiff Seeks $1.9M Plus Fees and Costs, But Jury Decides for Nursing Home

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Proposed EEOC Regulations to Provide Specifics for New Pregnancy Law

Labor Department Finalizing New Wage Calculations for Construction Projects

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In Wake of Seventh Circuit Ruling, Freight Brokers Sleep Easier

Swing, Sarafin Secure Defense Verdict in Hospital Dispute

Court Tosses $228M Judgment from First BIPA Jury Trial

Summary Judgment Ruling Ends Defamation, IIED Lawsuit Against School

EEOC Starts Accepting Discrimination Claims Under New Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

Couture Featured Panelist at CBA Seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution Forums

Katie Gorrie to Discuss Scaling Back the Reptile Theory at July Construction Law Seminar

NLRB Ruling Likely to Make More Employees Out of Independent Contractors

Plaintiff Claims $2.25M in Damages for Auto Rear-Ender “Not Too Much.” Jury Disagrees, Awards $11,000

NLRB Says Non-Competes Unlawful

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Illinois Supreme Court Issues Pattern Jury Instruction Series for Discrimination Claims Based on the Illinois Human Rights Act

Glenn Fencl to Discuss Reservation of Rights Letters at Insurance Seminar in South Carolina

EEOC Releases Update to COVID-19 Technical Assistance

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Google Maps to the Rescue! Plaintiff’s Attempt to Keep Nursing Home Case in Cook County Reversed on Appeal

In Bankruptcy Court, Jalalpour Ends Plaintiff’s Blatant Abuse of Judicial System to Avoid Paying $5M to Former Spouse

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Gainer, Vrakas to Discuss Effective Strategies for Preparing 206(A) Witnesses at IDC Conference

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Plaintiff Demands $1M for Fall at Hospital; Court Grants Directed Verdict in Favor of Defendant, Throws out Plaintiff’s Case

Carlos A. Vera Secures Summary Judgment for Attorney/Law Firm Client in Legal Malpractice Case Seeking $3 Million

Federal Court Rules Trust Administrators Will Get No Coverage

Greg Schiller Discusses Defense of Medical Negligence Claims at Healthcare Webinar

Johnson & Bell Welcomes Evan Ostrega to Healthcare Group

Plaintiff Rolls Dice on Personal Injury Dispute; Comes Up Snake Eyes on Verdict

Johnson Secures Summary Judgment for Hospital in Spine Injury Case Seeking Millions in Damages

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Upon Further Review, US DOL Seeks to Classify Employees and Independent Contractors Along Longstanding Judicial Precedent

Federal Bar Association Honors Daniel C. Murray with Frank J. McGarr Award

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Construction Law in Illinois -- A Primer

David Warnick Co-Authors IDC Quarterly Monograph on the State of Proximate Cause in Illinois

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Appellate Court Affirms Dismissal of $2M Malpractice Claim Against Matrimonial Law Firm

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Schiller, Reid Secure Defense Verdict in $2M Wrongful Death Endoscopic Procedure Case

Plaintiff Seeks $1M for Post-Op Fall; Jury Awards Less Than $200K

Schiller, Connery Secure Defense Verdict for Hospital in DuPage County; Plaintiff Sought $10M

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

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New Database Will Record Compliance with Illinois Prevailing Wage Law

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In Rare Reversal, Transportation Company Can Move Case Out of Cook County

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Conforti, Busch, and Sandowski Secure Client Victory in Cook County Trucking Accident Case

Johnson & Bell Announces New Shareholders, Firm Leadership for 2026

Stacey Cischke Set to Speak at CLM Alliance Panel

Johnson and Lynam Successfully Defend Will County IL Spine Surgeon in $4.5M Medical Malpractice Trial

Johnson & Bell Shareholder Stacey Cischke Honored by Law Bulletin Media

Patrick Morris Honored by Irish Legal 100

Joseph R. Marconi, 1949-2025

Seven J&B Associates Pass The Bar Exam

Johnson & Bell Named 2025 "Firm of the Year" by the South Asian Bar Association of Chicago

Judge William D. Maddux, 1935-2025

Vickrey, Sandowski, and Macksey Secure Crucial Defense Verdict

J&B Attorneys Hearn and Farris Win Summary Judgement Motion in Michigan Case

Best Lawyers in America Honors 21 Johnson & Bell Trial Lawyers for 2026

A New Illinois Law May Significantly Impact Toxic Tort Litigation

Julie Busch and Nicholas Sandowski Secure Win for National Restaurant Chain Client

James Balog and Ariel Flood Win Motion for Summary Judgment for National Retailer

Stacey Cischke Secures Defense Verdict for Chicagoland Hospital

Johnson & Bell Secures Directed Verdict in Indiana Hospital Fall Suit, Plaintiff Appeal Turned Down

Farewell Conversation with Retiring Shareholder Charles "Chuck" Rantis

Ryndak, Fencl Participate in ALFA Insurance Roundtable

Cischke and Bender Obtain Defense Verdict in Health Care Agency Matter

Vera and Sedia Secure Dismissal for Client in Cook County Circuit Court, Prevail on Appeal

Busch & Sandowski Secure Significant Client Win in Cook County Circuit Court

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Johnson & Bell Emerging Leaders Host Fall Social at the CAA Game Room for Clients and Friends

Illinois Supreme Court Recognizes Broad Statutory Immunity to Health Care Facilities Invoked by COVID-19 Executive Order

Belovol Secures Dismissal for Transportation Client in Cook County

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Two Johnson & Bell Shareholders Participate in ALFA International Educational Events

Twenty Johnson & Bell Attorneys Recognized as 2025 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers - Ones to Watch in America

Illinois Appellate Court Affirms Verdict for J&B Client in Boat Dispute

Representing ExxonMobil in Climate Change Litigation

Burkoth, Branum Obtain Not Guilty Verdict for Sheriff of Cook County in Federal Court

John W. Bell Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Schiller, Vickrey Secure Defense Verdict in Favor of Hospital; Plaintiff Sought $2.4M

Schneiderman Discusses Risk and Claims Issues at CHRMS Event

Cischke, Connery Secure Defense Verdict for Hospital in MRI Dispute Seeking $11.6M

Of all the Blues Clubs in all the Towns in all the World, Carlos A. Vera Will Be Setting the Tone in this Blues Club in Puerto Rico

Hearn, Stanzione and Mueller Obtain Defense Verdict in Dispute Seeking $4.9M from Physician Assistant

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Indiana Practice for Illinois Lawyers: What to Know to Avoid Malpractice

Cook County Delivers Holiday Present – A New Paid Leave Ordinance

Labor Department Unveils Final Rule on Independent Contractor Classification

Johnson & Bell Elects New Shareholders for 2024

Hannigan, Kennedy Secure Defense Verdict in Favor of Hospital in Will County Case. Plaintiff Sought $17.5M.

Pat Morris Reflects on 40 Years of Trial Advocacy

Sedia Secures Dismissal of Commercial Dispute Under Indiana's Forum Non Conveniens Provision

Illinois Supreme Court Denies Leave to Appeal from J&B Appellate Victory

Johnson & Bell Welcomes Four Attorneys

Breitweiser-Hurst Secures Summary Judgment for Clients in False Arrest, Defamation Dispute

Defending Personal Injury Claims in PFAS Disputes (Current)

Johnson & Bell Earns Top Litigation Ranking from Best Lawyers®

Stanzione, Bolde Obtain Summary Judgment in Medical Malpractice Claim

Schiller, Vickrey Secure Defense Verdict for Hospital in MedMal Dispute Seeking $17.5M

J&B's Indiana Office Secures Appellate Reversal of Plaintiff's Verdict; New Trial Awaits

David Warnick to Discuss Preserving Issues on Appeal at October 12 Civil Practice Seminar

Four Attorneys Join Johnson & Bell

Ka-CHING! Jalalpour Secures SJ in FACTA Dispute over Pizza Receipt

Carlos Secures SJ in Discrimination Dispute

DOL Seeks to Raise Overtime Exemption to $55K

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

Illinois Mandates Salary and Benefit Transparency in Job Postings

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Kotsalieff Secures Defense Verdict in Movie Theater Fall

Illinois Amends Wrongful Death and Survival Acts to Allow for Punitive Damages

Plaintiff Seeks $1.9M Plus Fees and Costs, But Jury Decides for Nursing Home

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Proposed EEOC Regulations to Provide Specifics for New Pregnancy Law

Labor Department Finalizing New Wage Calculations for Construction Projects

Attorney Group Serving Retail Clients Joins Johnson & Bell

Johnson & Bell Welcomes Three Attorneys

Carlos Vera Featured Speaker at August Seminar on Professional Liability Coverage Disputes

In Wake of Seventh Circuit Ruling, Freight Brokers Sleep Easier

Swing, Sarafin Secure Defense Verdict in Hospital Dispute

Court Tosses $228M Judgment from First BIPA Jury Trial

Summary Judgment Ruling Ends Defamation, IIED Lawsuit Against School

EEOC Starts Accepting Discrimination Claims Under New Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

Couture Featured Panelist at CBA Seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution Forums

Katie Gorrie to Discuss Scaling Back the Reptile Theory at July Construction Law Seminar

NLRB Ruling Likely to Make More Employees Out of Independent Contractors

Plaintiff Claims $2.25M in Damages for Auto Rear-Ender “Not Too Much.” Jury Disagrees, Awards $11,000

NLRB Says Non-Competes Unlawful

Carlos Vera to Discuss Commercial Disputes at June 7 Seminar in Dallas

Illinois Supreme Court Issues Pattern Jury Instruction Series for Discrimination Claims Based on the Illinois Human Rights Act

Glenn Fencl to Discuss Reservation of Rights Letters at Insurance Seminar in South Carolina

EEOC Releases Update to COVID-19 Technical Assistance

Victor J. Pioli a Featured Panelist at Ethics 2023 Conference

Google Maps to the Rescue! Plaintiff’s Attempt to Keep Nursing Home Case in Cook County Reversed on Appeal

In Bankruptcy Court, Jalalpour Ends Plaintiff’s Blatant Abuse of Judicial System to Avoid Paying $5M to Former Spouse

Breitweiser-Hurst Secures Summary Judgment for Casino Client

Gainer, Vrakas to Discuss Effective Strategies for Preparing 206(A) Witnesses at IDC Conference

Case Law Overview: Student Secures Appellate Reversal of Lower Court’s Dismissal of Pandemic-Inspired Potential Class Action Against University in Illinois

McQueen v Green -- Or Why the Defense Bar Sees Red

Illinois Supreme Court Says Union Workers Can’t Sue Under BIPA Law

Plaintiff Demands $1M for Fall at Hospital; Court Grants Directed Verdict in Favor of Defendant, Throws out Plaintiff’s Case

Carlos A. Vera Secures Summary Judgment for Attorney/Law Firm Client in Legal Malpractice Case Seeking $3 Million

Federal Court Rules Trust Administrators Will Get No Coverage

Greg Schiller Discusses Defense of Medical Negligence Claims at Healthcare Webinar

Johnson & Bell Welcomes Evan Ostrega to Healthcare Group

Plaintiff Rolls Dice on Personal Injury Dispute; Comes Up Snake Eyes on Verdict

Johnson Secures Summary Judgment for Hospital in Spine Injury Case Seeking Millions in Damages

Michigan Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment Snuffing Out Plaintiff's $50M Product Liability Demand in Rooftop Blaze

Trademarks / Trade Dress in the Seventh Circuit

The Illinois Equal Pay Act

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In BIPA Disputes, Illinois High Court Says Every Swipe You Make Counts

Sexual Assault, Harassment Disputes Get a Stronger Voice

UCC Breach of Warranty/Ritz Cracker Product Recall

Illinois Representative At It Again; Proposes Amending Illinois Wrongful Death Act to Allow Punitive Damages

Cischke, Schneiderman to Discuss the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act at CHRMS Winter Meeting

Pioli, Jalalpour Secure Defense Verdict in Legal Malpractice Dispute Seeking $1M in Damages

Illinois Gives BIPA Claims Five-Year Limit

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DOL Increases Monetary Penalties by 7.7%

Proposed Rule on Non-Competes a Potential "Game Changer" for Employers

Kennedy, Mian Join Johnson & Bell

Branum Secures Summary Judgment in Dental Care Dispute Involving County Jail

On Appeal, $41M Bar “Tab” Reversed; Defendant Gets New Trial

Minimum Wages to Rise in 2023

NLRB Limits Employers’ Ability to Ban Protesters on Property Where Workers Regularly Work

NLRB Adds Compensation to Remedies for Labor Violations

In Case You Missed It, OSHA Provides Construction Infrastructure Informational Resource

H. Patrick Morris Recognized as an “Advocate for Diversity” by Diversity Scholarship Foundation

Stacey Cischke to Moderate Symposium with the Judges Panel on November 30

Schiller, Vickrey Secure Defense Verdict in $9M Wrongful Death Case Against Hospital

Medline Industries, Inc. Ethylene Oxide Litigation (Current)

Johnson & Bell Earns Tier 1 Ranking in Litigation from Best Lawyers

Kevin Owens Presides Over ALFA International Annual Business Meeting

Toxic Tort Litigation

Upon Further Review, US DOL Seeks to Classify Employees and Independent Contractors Along Longstanding Judicial Precedent

Federal Bar Association Honors Daniel C. Murray with Frank J. McGarr Award

When it’s Over, it’s Over . . . Sometimes

Stacey Cischke Featured Presenter at NASRM Conference

Construction Law in Illinois -- A Primer

David Warnick Co-Authors IDC Quarterly Monograph on the State of Proximate Cause in Illinois

Monica Burkoth Named One of Forty Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch

Appellate Court Affirms Dismissal of $2M Malpractice Claim Against Matrimonial Law Firm

In Boat Dispute, Ellenbecker Torpedoes Plaintiff’s $800K Demand

New Year, New Rules on Time Off for Employees in Illinois

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.

Schneiderman Secures Rare Dismissal on Statute of Limitations in Cook County Case

Carlos Vera to Moderate Discussion on Commercial Disputes

Case Law Overview: In Coverage Dispute, Seventh Circuit Affirms that a Self-Insured Retention Does Not Make the Insured an

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Insurer. Insured Did Not Owe a Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing to the Excess Carrier

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Stacey Cischke Discusses Mitigating Risks Associated with the Use of Anticoagulants

Monica Burkoth Discusses 30(b)(6) Depositions With Cook County State's Attorneys

Joe Carini to Moderate "Prevention Through Design" Discussion

Schiller, Reid Secure Defense Verdict in $2M Wrongful Death Endoscopic Procedure Case

Plaintiff Seeks $1M for Post-Op Fall; Jury Awards Less Than $200K

Schiller, Connery Secure Defense Verdict for Hospital in DuPage County; Plaintiff Sought $10M

Warnick Completes Course on Cybersecurity and Managing Risk in the Information Age

Victor J. Pioli Featured Panelist at Ethics 2022 Conference

Cischke, Yukich Secure Dismissal for Indiana Hospital in Jurisdictional Dispute

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

Pre-Judgment Interest Unconstitutional? Cook County Judge Fires a Shot Across the Bow.

Cischke, Yukich Secure Dismissal with Prejudice in Breach of Privacy Dispute

Vickrey Obtains Dismissal with Prejudice in Mental Health Confidentiality Act Lawsuit

Schneiderman, Yukich Secure Summary Judgment in Premises Liability Dispute Involving University

Swing, Farris Secure Defense Verdict in Premises Liability Case Seeking $700K in Damages

Cischke, Yukich Secure Defense Verdict in Cardiac Surgery Dispute Seeking $5.8M in Damages

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Case Law Overview: Seventh Circuit Vacates Ruling Denying Arbitration in Employment Dispute

Vickrey Achieves Rare Outcome in Childhood Sexual Abuse Dispute

Johnson & Bell Welcomes Bolde, Hameetman

Remembering Bill Johnson

Sharon L. Stanzione Named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America

Defamation and First Amendment Litigation

William V. Johnson, Legendary Trial Attorney and Long-Time Leader of Johnson & Bell, Passes Away at 82

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Gloor, Vickrey Secure Win in Breach of Contract, Fraud Case

Johnson, Connery Secure Defense Verdict in Favor of Physician and Hospital in Negligent Hospital Discharge Case

Do Your Group Health Benefits Compare? Illinois Wants to Know

UPDATE: Supreme Court Blocks Vaccine Mandate for Private Employers

Case Law Overview: Wrongful Death Act Allows Plaintiffs to Pursue Medical Malpractice Claim Against Other Physicians

New Database Will Record Compliance with Illinois Prevailing Wage Law

Boehm Secures Defense Verdict in Dispute Seeking $1M in Damages

Johnson & Bell Names New President and Chairman of the Board; Elects New Board Members

DOL Set to Raise Minimum Wage to $15 for Federal Contractors

Failed Real Estate Investment Ignites Malpractice Claim. Jalalpour, Sedia and Macksey Extinguish the Dispute.

COVID-19 Workplace Safety Guidance for Federal Contractors and Subcontractors

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Illinois Puts Limits on Illinois Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Agreements

Johnson & Bell Earns Tier 1 Ranking in Litigation; Continues Its Climb in Commercial Litigation

Wrongful Death Trucking Case Resolved Successfully

NLRB Issues New Guidance Memo on Employee Status of College Student-Athletes

Transportation Company Succeeds with Effort to “Ship” Case to Kane County. Illinois Supreme Court Denies Plaintiff’s Petition for Appeal.

Retired Johnson & Bell Shareholder, Robert Spitkovsky, Jr., Dies at Age 59

Indiana Ruling Bars Plaintiff Damages Expert from Testifying in Trucking Case

When Plaintiff’s “Double Dip” Effort Fails, He Sues Law Firm. Vera, Sedia Secure Summary Judgment in Favor of the Law Firm in a LegalMal Dispute

Hearn Secures TRO In Michigan Contract Dispute

President Biden Announces New COVID-19 Rules for Private Employers Employing More Than 100 Workers

Hearn Secures Defense Verdict in Indiana Dispute Seeking $3M in Damages

Plaintiff’s Attempt to Enlarge “Damages Pie” Gets Nixed by Court

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University’s Vaccination Requirements Don’t Violate Students’ Substantive Due Process Rights

Doctrines of Federal Common Law Do Not (By Themselves) Confer a Basis for Federal Question Jurisdiction

Johnson & Bell Shareholder, Dennis C. Cusack, Dies at Age 62

Julie J. Busch Featured Presenter at ALFA Transportation Webinar

Illinois' Pre-Judgment Interest Statute -- An Initial Assessment as the Law Takes Effect July 1, 2021

Stacey Cischke Delivers Webinar to Health Care System: “Anticoagulants: Avoiding Adverse Events through Sound Practices”

In Honor of LGBTQ Pride Month

Sammi L. Renken Named President of ISHRM

Illinois Governor Signs into Law Prejudgment Interest Bill

In Rare Reversal, Transportation Company Can Move Case Out of Cook County

Matt Johnson Presents Webinar to Healthcare Delivery System: “Physician-Nurse Communication: Seven Ways to Avoid the Pitfalls”

Marconi Secures Dismissal with Prejudice of Multi-Million Dollar Malpractice Lawsuit Against Matrimonial Law Firm

DOL Announces Withdrawal of “Independent Contractor Rule”

Illinois Limits Use of Prior Convictions in Employment Hiring Decisions

Overview and Structure of Civil Courts in Illinois

Robert M. Burke Receives Bullseye Barrister Award

Employers Can Require COVID-19 Vaccination, But Exceptions Exist

The Evolution of Forum Non Conveniens in Illinois and Recent Legislation to Limit the Doctrine

Johnson & Bell Attorneys Designated Leading Lawyers and Emerging Lawyers in 2021

Indiana Supreme Court to Assess Two Questions that Could Impact Healthcare Providers and their Insurers

Appellate Ruling Brings End to Heated Legal Malpractice Dispute

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DOL Issues Final Rule to Clarify Independent Contractor Status Under FLSA

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Seventh Circuit Affirms Dismissal of Potential Class Action Against Municipality, Sheriff and County Jail

ICYMI: Sammi Renken Recognized as 2020 Women in Law Inaugural Honoree

Tabirta v. Cummings Ruling Amplifies Change of Venue Thresholds in Illinois

General Contractor Avoids OSHA Violations for Electrocution Fatality on Project

Former Shareholder, Daniel C. Murray, Dies at Age 71

Owens, Mathias Discuss Risk Assessment and Hazard Analysis at Defense Trial Counsel Meeting

Ellenbecker Secures Defense Verdict in Favor of Chiropractor

Kevin G. Owens Elected Chair of ALFA International at Annual Business Meeting

Marconi, Malarkey Complete TIC Transaction that Exceeds $85M in Value

Heated Legal Malpractice Dispute Extinguished by Appellate Ruling

Carlos Vera Recognized as a “Forty Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch.”

DOL Proposes Making It Easier to Label Workers Contractors

Appellate Court Reverses Bench Trial Award on Plaintiff’s Statutory Wage and Hour Claims Against Non-Profit Religious Organization

Schneiderman, Vickrey Secure Summary Judgment in Hospital Premises Liability Dispute

Case Law Overview: In Biegert, Seventh Circuit Ruling Sustains Use of Lethal Force When Officers Face Immediate Threats of Serious Harm

Chicago Law Firm, Partner Cleared in Dispute Over $5.75M Investment Scam

EEOC Protects Legal Opioid Users and Former Abusers from Workplace Discrimination

OSHA Guidance on Returning to Work in the Construction Industry

Kevin Owens to Discuss Virtual Reality Use in Litigation at July 21 Webinar

Case Law Overview: Seventh Circuit Appellate Ruling Sheds Additional Light on Facts Deemed Relevant in Construction Negligence Disputes

SCOTUS Expands “Ministerial Exception;” Shields Religious Employers

SCOTUS Exempts Religious Employers From Birth Control Coverage

The Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act: Sword or Shield

Not All Good Deeds Go Unpunished – EEOC Warns That Even Well-Intentioned Policies Directed at Older Workers Can Result In ADEA Violation

“WARN” ACT Notice Requirements for Workforce Reductions and Plant or Business Closures Caused by COVID-19

SCOTUS Decides that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Prohibits Employment Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Transgender Status

2020 Transportation Law Compendium for Illinois is Now Available

Attorney Client Privilege Under Attack: Disclosing Defendant Physicians as 213(f)(3) Witnesses

Thomas H. Fegan, Appellate Law Innovator and Johnson & Bell Shareholder, Dies at Age 72

In Defense of Nursing Homes: What Executive Order 2020-19 Might Provide

Cicero Files TRO Lawsuit Targeting Skilled Nursing Facility. Harbinger of Things to Come?

Representation of Trustee of an Internal Revenue Code §468B Qualified Settlement Funds (“QSF”)

Armstead v. National Freight, Inc., 2020 IL App (3d) 170777

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Case Law Overview: Defense Dodges $8M Verdict in Negligent Misrepresentation of Insurance Coverage Lawsuit

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Kevin Owens Discusses Risk Assessment and Hazard Analysis at CPCU Meeting

Insurance Coverage Disputes Related to COVID-19 Are Percolating

The Illinois WARN Act – How It Affects Workforce Reduction Initiatives

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Plaintiff Firms Adding Their Own Version of "Flu" to COVID-19 Pandemic

Rantis Secures Dismissal with Prejudice in Speedway Spectator Accident

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Kovarik, D'Avanzo Secure Defense Verdict in $1.85M Nursing Home Care Act Dispute

Cischke, Connery Secure Defense Verdict in Scoliosis Diagnosis Dispute Seeking $4M in Damages

?OSHA Increases Fines, Issues Standard Corrections and Wants Your Injury and Illness Reports

Prior Job Application Admissible in ADA Litigation Along with Evidence That The Employer Hired a Different Member of Plaintiff's Protected Class

Hearn, Grabarek Secure Positive Outcome for Indiana Attorney Facing Felony Theft Charge, Six Year Sentence

OSHA No Longer Accepting CIC Certifications

Johnson & Bell Sponsors Table at 2019 Unity Award Dinner

Cischke, Jasinski Secure Defense Verdict for Dermatologist in Dispute Seeking $3.6M in Damages

Seventh Circuit Reverses ADA Ruling in Favor of Plaintiff; Obesity Without Physiological Cause Not ADA Covered Impairment

Owens Joins ALFA International Contingent at ACC Meeting

At Trial Excellence Awards, Pioli, Jalalpour Receive Award for Outstanding Defense Verdict in Legal Malpractice Case

Johnson & Bell Attends Illinois Bar Foundation's 2019 Gala Event Honoring Robert Clifford

Owens Moderates Discussion with Executives at Product Manufacturers

OSHA Unveils New Opioid Toolkit and Revised Field Operations Manual

Hannigan Secures Defense Verdict for Cardiologist in Wrongful Death Dispute

Ryndak to Discuss Dispute Resolution Tactics

Burkoth, McElroy Attend IGFOA Annual Meeting

The Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act: Business Formation, Licensing and More

Hearn Scuttles Plaintiff's Attempt to Expand Monetary Damages, Liability

Case Law Overview: Probable Cause Existed and Plaintiff's Retaliatory Arrest Claim Against Two Officers Gets Tossed.

Employers & Personal Cannabis Use After HB-1438 (Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act)

Sub's Certificate of Insurance Insufficient to Garner Duty to Defend/Indemnify General Contractor

Credit Union Website Target of ADA Lawsuit, But Appellate Court Says Plaintiff Case Lacks Standing

"Stay In Your Lane:" SCOTUS Affirms Third-Party Defendants Can't Remove Class Action Lawsuits from State to Federal Court

The Workplace Just Got More Complex to Manage in Illinois

Marconi, Malarkey Close Contentious Real Estate Transaction at Nearly Triple the Initial Valuation

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Spitzzeri Secures Dismissal in Employment Discrimination Case

Illinois SB 1596 and Its Implications on Latent Injury Cases

Latent Injury Cases Receive New Life as Tort Cases, Leaving Many Companies Facing Limited Insurance Coverage Options

Johnson & Bell Asks for Mercy

Case Law Overview: FOIA Request for Police Department Videotapes Denied by Trial Court and Affirmed on Appeal

Burke, Linneman Secure Verdict for Plaintiff in Pro Bono Employment Dispute with FEMA

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

Spitzzeri, Margulis Secure Dismissal in Heated Legal Malpractice Dispute

In Wrongful Death Case, Stanzione Secures Directed Verdict in Favor of Hospital

7th Circuit Reaffirms Distinction Between Supervisor and Co-Employee Harassment Under Title VII

SCOTUS Cracks Down on Excessive Seizures by Police Departments, Municipalities

Burkoth Secures Summary Judgment in Civil Rights Case Seeking $3M from Two Police Officers

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Illinois Supreme Court Reverses Rosenbach Giving BIPA Class Actions New Life

Age Discrimination in Employment Act Does Not Protect Job Applicants From Disparate Impact Discrimination

Plaintiff's Attempt to Expand Defendant's Liability Foiled by Partial Summary Judgment

Carlos Secures Defense Verdict in Employment Dispute

Tech Talk: Julie J. Busch to Discuss Technology, Accessible Information and Litigation at Seminar

Serial Litigant Fails Again in Legal Malpractice Lawsuit

Has McKinney Changed the Face of Proof of Proximate Causation in Asbestos Litigation in Illinois?

Neuhengen Decision Increases Specter for Recovery of Punitive Damages from Less than Diligent Defendant Employers

OSHA Issues Final Rule on Crane Operator Certification Requirements

Pioli, Jalalpour Secure Defense Verdict in Favor of Deceased Attorney

Victor J. Pioli Discusses Legal Malpractice Trends and Issues with Area Law Firms

Kevin G. Owens Speaks at Valley Industrial Association

Amendments to Illinois Human Rights Act and Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act Could Mean Future Headaches for Employers

Johnson & Bell Obtains 7th Circuit Appellate Win in Coverage Dispute

Kevin G. Owens Speaks at Packaging Machine Manufacturers Institute

Sammi L. Renken Elected Into The Society of Trial Lawyers

OSHA Issues Clarification on Workplace Safety Incentive Programs and Drug Testing

Case Law Overview: Defendant Floats "Sophisticated Intermediary Doctrine" in Hopes of Quelling "Popcorn Lung" Class Action

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Lawsuit. Seventh Circuit Reverses on the Duty to Warn Claim.

ARDC Complaint Almost Comes Back to Haunt Village President

Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment in Favor of Insurer in Underinsured Motorist Coverage Dispute

Appellate Court Rules District Court Sidestepped Jury Process in Dispute Over Non ADA-Compliant Courthouses in Illinois

Case Law Overview: Vehicle Legroom Accommodation Dispute Ends with Appellate Court Affirming In Favor of Employer

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Hearn Keeps Auto Racing on Track at Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Representation of a Beneficiary of an Estate

Cischke Secures Defense Verdict in $14M Dispute

Waukegan Harbor Cleanup

Cat's Paw in the 9th Circuit

The Cat's Paw Doctrine is Born in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals

Hearn, Stanzione Secure Directed Verdict in Favor of Hospital in Negligent Credentialing Dispute

Reid, Macksey Secure Appellate Ruling to Uphold Arbitration Agreement in Nursing Home Dispute

Bell, Geiser Secure Judgment for Defense in $7M Retaliatory Discharge Dispute

7th Circuit Affirms Judgment in Indiana Retail Slip-and-Fall Case

Kevin G. Owens Leads Product Safety Discussion with Off-Road Equipment Manufacturers

ABA Taps Victor J. Pioli to Discuss Lawyers' Professional Liability Issues at April Workshop

Genetics - The Future is Now

Johnson & Bell Attorneys and Staff March for Kids

Joe Marconi Discusses Computer Forensics in Trade Secret Litigation with HaystackID

Hearn, Stanzione Secure Jury Verdict for the Defense in Medical Malpractice Dispute. Plaintiff Sought $3M.

With Settlement Offer on Table, Plaintiff Heads to Trial to Win… Less

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Seeking $1.4M in Damages for Alleged Injuries, Plaintiff Feels Pain of Defense Verdict

Schneiderman Pours Cold Water on Plaintiff's Theory in Premises Liability Case

Illinois Spoliation of Evidence Law -- A Comprehensive Explanation

Judge Dismisses Hospital with Prejudice from Ladder Lawsuit

Fired in Retaliation for Reporting a Work-Related Accident? 7th Circuit Says "No" and Rules Employer Entitled to Costs

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

Passing an Exam Necessary for Licensing is Both an Essential Function of the Job and Required to be a Qualified Individual Under the ADA

Owens, Kotsalieff Secure Summary Judgment in $45M Steel Mill Case

Johnson & Bell Shares the Holiday Spirit

Genome Sequencing and its Role in Medical Causation

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Article Spotlights Johnson & Bell Women Attorneys in Role As First Chair

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Thompson Secures Defense Verdict in $1.5M Hospital Negligence Case

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Gainer Secures Defense Verdict in Favor of Police Officers

Stanzione Secures Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Case Against Indiana Hospital

Renken Secures Defense Verdict in $2.75M Wrongful Death Lawsuit Against Hospital

Kevin G. Owens Leads Crisis Response Panel at Products Seminar

Noncompetes Often "Stick" when Associated with Sale of a Business

7th Circuit Rejects Medical Leave of Absence Request as Reasonable Accommodation Under the ADA Following Exhaustion of FMLA Leave

Seventh Circuit Bars "Every Exposure" and "Cumulative Exposure" Theory of Causation

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Illinois Amends Wrongful Death and Survival Acts to Allow for Punitive Damages

Plaintiff Seeks $1.9M Plus Fees and Costs, But Jury Decides for Nursing Home

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Proposed EEOC Regulations to Provide Specifics for New Pregnancy Law

Labor Department Finalizing New Wage Calculations for Construction Projects

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In Wake of Seventh Circuit Ruling, Freight Brokers Sleep Easier

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EEOC Starts Accepting Discrimination Claims Under New Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

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Katie Gorrie to Discuss Scaling Back the Reptile Theory at July Construction Law Seminar

NLRB Ruling Likely to Make More Employees Out of Independent Contractors

Plaintiff Claims $2.25M in Damages for Auto Rear-Ender “Not Too Much.” Jury Disagrees, Awards $11,000

NLRB Says Non-Competes Unlawful

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Illinois Supreme Court Issues Pattern Jury Instruction Series for Discrimination Claims Based on the Illinois Human Rights Act

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Google Maps to the Rescue! Plaintiff’s Attempt to Keep Nursing Home Case in Cook County Reversed on Appeal

In Bankruptcy Court, Jalalpour Ends Plaintiff’s Blatant Abuse of Judicial System to Avoid Paying $5M to Former Spouse

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Gainer, Vrakas to Discuss Effective Strategies for Preparing 206(A) Witnesses at IDC Conference

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Plaintiff Demands $1M for Fall at Hospital; Court Grants Directed Verdict in Favor of Defendant, Throws out Plaintiff’s Case

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Federal Court Rules Trust Administrators Will Get No Coverage

Greg Schiller Discusses Defense of Medical Negligence Claims at Healthcare Webinar

Johnson & Bell Welcomes Evan Ostrega to Healthcare Group

Plaintiff Rolls Dice on Personal Injury Dispute; Comes Up Snake Eyes on Verdict

Johnson Secures Summary Judgment for Hospital in Spine Injury Case Seeking Millions in Damages

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Sexual Assault, Harassment Disputes Get a Stronger Voice

UCC Breach of Warranty/Ritz Cracker Product Recall

Illinois Representative At It Again; Proposes Amending Illinois Wrongful Death Act to Allow Punitive Damages

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NLRB Adds Compensation to Remedies for Labor Violations

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Upon Further Review, US DOL Seeks to Classify Employees and Independent Contractors Along Longstanding Judicial Precedent

Federal Bar Association Honors Daniel C. Murray with Frank J. McGarr Award

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Construction Law in Illinois -- A Primer

David Warnick Co-Authors IDC Quarterly Monograph on the State of Proximate Cause in Illinois

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In Boat Dispute, Ellenbecker Torpedoes Plaintiff’s $800K Demand

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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.

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Schiller, Reid Secure Defense Verdict in $2M Wrongful Death Endoscopic Procedure Case

Plaintiff Seeks $1M for Post-Op Fall; Jury Awards Less Than $200K

Schiller, Connery Secure Defense Verdict for Hospital in DuPage County; Plaintiff Sought $10M

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

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New Database Will Record Compliance with Illinois Prevailing Wage Law

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Sammi L. Renken Named President of ISHRM

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In Rare Reversal, Transportation Company Can Move Case Out of Cook County

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General Contractor Avoids OSHA Violations for Electrocution Fatality on Project

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Owens Moderates Discussion with Executives at Product Manufacturers

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Swing, Sarafin Secure Defense Verdict in Hospital Dispute

Court Tosses $228M Judgment from First BIPA Jury Trial

Summary Judgment Ruling Ends Defamation, IIED Lawsuit Against School

EEOC Starts Accepting Discrimination Claims Under New Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

Couture Featured Panelist at CBA Seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution Forums

Katie Gorrie to Discuss Scaling Back the Reptile Theory at July Construction Law Seminar

NLRB Ruling Likely to Make More Employees Out of Independent Contractors

Plaintiff Claims $2.25M in Damages for Auto Rear-Ender “Not Too Much.” Jury Disagrees, Awards $11,000

NLRB Says Non-Competes Unlawful

Carlos Vera to Discuss Commercial Disputes at June 7 Seminar in Dallas

Illinois Supreme Court Issues Pattern Jury Instruction Series for Discrimination Claims Based on the Illinois Human Rights Act

Glenn Fencl to Discuss Reservation of Rights Letters at Insurance Seminar in South Carolina

EEOC Releases Update to COVID-19 Technical Assistance

Victor J. Pioli a Featured Panelist at Ethics 2023 Conference

Google Maps to the Rescue! Plaintiff’s Attempt to Keep Nursing Home Case in Cook County Reversed on Appeal

In Bankruptcy Court, Jalalpour Ends Plaintiff’s Blatant Abuse of Judicial System to Avoid Paying $5M to Former Spouse

Breitweiser-Hurst Secures Summary Judgment for Casino Client

Gainer, Vrakas to Discuss Effective Strategies for Preparing 206(A) Witnesses at IDC Conference

Case Law Overview: Student Secures Appellate Reversal of Lower Court’s Dismissal of Pandemic-Inspired Potential Class Action Against University in Illinois

McQueen v Green -- Or Why the Defense Bar Sees Red

Illinois Supreme Court Says Union Workers Can’t Sue Under BIPA Law

Plaintiff Demands $1M for Fall at Hospital; Court Grants Directed Verdict in Favor of Defendant, Throws out Plaintiff’s Case

Carlos A. Vera Secures Summary Judgment for Attorney/Law Firm Client in Legal Malpractice Case Seeking $3 Million

Federal Court Rules Trust Administrators Will Get No Coverage

Greg Schiller Discusses Defense of Medical Negligence Claims at Healthcare Webinar

Johnson & Bell Welcomes Evan Ostrega to Healthcare Group

Plaintiff Rolls Dice on Personal Injury Dispute; Comes Up Snake Eyes on Verdict

Johnson Secures Summary Judgment for Hospital in Spine Injury Case Seeking Millions in Damages

Michigan Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment Snuffing Out Plaintiff's $50M Product Liability Demand in Rooftop Blaze

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In BIPA Disputes, Illinois High Court Says Every Swipe You Make Counts

Sexual Assault, Harassment Disputes Get a Stronger Voice

UCC Breach of Warranty/Ritz Cracker Product Recall

Illinois Representative At It Again; Proposes Amending Illinois Wrongful Death Act to Allow Punitive Damages

Cischke, Schneiderman to Discuss the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act at CHRMS Winter Meeting

Pioli, Jalalpour Secure Defense Verdict in Legal Malpractice Dispute Seeking $1M in Damages

Illinois Gives BIPA Claims Five-Year Limit

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DOL Increases Monetary Penalties by 7.7%

Proposed Rule on Non-Competes a Potential "Game Changer" for Employers

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Branum Secures Summary Judgment in Dental Care Dispute Involving County Jail

On Appeal, $41M Bar “Tab” Reversed; Defendant Gets New Trial

Minimum Wages to Rise in 2023

NLRB Limits Employers’ Ability to Ban Protesters on Property Where Workers Regularly Work

NLRB Adds Compensation to Remedies for Labor Violations

In Case You Missed It, OSHA Provides Construction Infrastructure Informational Resource

H. Patrick Morris Recognized as an “Advocate for Diversity” by Diversity Scholarship Foundation

Stacey Cischke to Moderate Symposium with the Judges Panel on November 30

Schiller, Vickrey Secure Defense Verdict in $9M Wrongful Death Case Against Hospital

Medline Industries, Inc. Ethylene Oxide Litigation (Current)

Johnson & Bell Earns Tier 1 Ranking in Litigation from Best Lawyers

Kevin Owens Presides Over ALFA International Annual Business Meeting

Toxic Tort Litigation

Upon Further Review, US DOL Seeks to Classify Employees and Independent Contractors Along Longstanding Judicial Precedent

Federal Bar Association Honors Daniel C. Murray with Frank J. McGarr Award

When it’s Over, it’s Over . . . Sometimes

Stacey Cischke Featured Presenter at NASRM Conference

Construction Law in Illinois -- A Primer

David Warnick Co-Authors IDC Quarterly Monograph on the State of Proximate Cause in Illinois

Monica Burkoth Named One of Forty Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch

Appellate Court Affirms Dismissal of $2M Malpractice Claim Against Matrimonial Law Firm

In Boat Dispute, Ellenbecker Torpedoes Plaintiff’s $800K Demand

New Year, New Rules on Time Off for Employees in Illinois

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.

Schneiderman Secures Rare Dismissal on Statute of Limitations in Cook County Case

Carlos Vera to Moderate Discussion on Commercial Disputes

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Stacey Cischke Discusses Mitigating Risks Associated with the Use of Anticoagulants

Monica Burkoth Discusses 30(b)(6) Depositions With Cook County State's Attorneys

Joe Carini to Moderate "Prevention Through Design" Discussion

Schiller, Reid Secure Defense Verdict in $2M Wrongful Death Endoscopic Procedure Case

Plaintiff Seeks $1M for Post-Op Fall; Jury Awards Less Than $200K

Schiller, Connery Secure Defense Verdict for Hospital in DuPage County; Plaintiff Sought $10M

Warnick Completes Course on Cybersecurity and Managing Risk in the Information Age

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Cischke, Yukich Secure Dismissal for Indiana Hospital in Jurisdictional Dispute

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

Pre-Judgment Interest Unconstitutional? Cook County Judge Fires a Shot Across the Bow.

Cischke, Yukich Secure Dismissal with Prejudice in Breach of Privacy Dispute

Vickrey Obtains Dismissal with Prejudice in Mental Health Confidentiality Act Lawsuit

Schneiderman, Yukich Secure Summary Judgment in Premises Liability Dispute Involving University

Swing, Farris Secure Defense Verdict in Premises Liability Case Seeking $700K in Damages

Cischke, Yukich Secure Defense Verdict in Cardiac Surgery Dispute Seeking $5.8M in Damages

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Case Law Overview: Seventh Circuit Vacates Ruling Denying Arbitration in Employment Dispute

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Johnson & Bell Welcomes Bolde, Hameetman

Remembering Bill Johnson

Sharon L. Stanzione Named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America

Defamation and First Amendment Litigation

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Gloor, Vickrey Secure Win in Breach of Contract, Fraud Case

Johnson, Connery Secure Defense Verdict in Favor of Physician and Hospital in Negligent Hospital Discharge Case

Do Your Group Health Benefits Compare? Illinois Wants to Know

UPDATE: Supreme Court Blocks Vaccine Mandate for Private Employers

Case Law Overview: Wrongful Death Act Allows Plaintiffs to Pursue Medical Malpractice Claim Against Other Physicians

New Database Will Record Compliance with Illinois Prevailing Wage Law

Boehm Secures Defense Verdict in Dispute Seeking $1M in Damages

Johnson & Bell Names New President and Chairman of the Board; Elects New Board Members

DOL Set to Raise Minimum Wage to $15 for Federal Contractors

Failed Real Estate Investment Ignites Malpractice Claim. Jalalpour, Sedia and Macksey Extinguish the Dispute.

COVID-19 Workplace Safety Guidance for Federal Contractors and Subcontractors

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Illinois Puts Limits on Illinois Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Agreements

Johnson & Bell Earns Tier 1 Ranking in Litigation; Continues Its Climb in Commercial Litigation

Wrongful Death Trucking Case Resolved Successfully

NLRB Issues New Guidance Memo on Employee Status of College Student-Athletes

Transportation Company Succeeds with Effort to “Ship” Case to Kane County. Illinois Supreme Court Denies Plaintiff’s Petition for Appeal.

Retired Johnson & Bell Shareholder, Robert Spitkovsky, Jr., Dies at Age 59

Indiana Ruling Bars Plaintiff Damages Expert from Testifying in Trucking Case

When Plaintiff’s “Double Dip” Effort Fails, He Sues Law Firm. Vera, Sedia Secure Summary Judgment in Favor of the Law Firm in a LegalMal Dispute

Hearn Secures TRO In Michigan Contract Dispute

President Biden Announces New COVID-19 Rules for Private Employers Employing More Than 100 Workers

Hearn Secures Defense Verdict in Indiana Dispute Seeking $3M in Damages

Plaintiff’s Attempt to Enlarge “Damages Pie” Gets Nixed by Court

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University’s Vaccination Requirements Don’t Violate Students’ Substantive Due Process Rights

Doctrines of Federal Common Law Do Not (By Themselves) Confer a Basis for Federal Question Jurisdiction

Johnson & Bell Shareholder, Dennis C. Cusack, Dies at Age 62

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Illinois' Pre-Judgment Interest Statute -- An Initial Assessment as the Law Takes Effect July 1, 2021

Stacey Cischke Delivers Webinar to Health Care System: “Anticoagulants: Avoiding Adverse Events through Sound Practices”

In Honor of LGBTQ Pride Month

Sammi L. Renken Named President of ISHRM

Illinois Governor Signs into Law Prejudgment Interest Bill

In Rare Reversal, Transportation Company Can Move Case Out of Cook County

Matt Johnson Presents Webinar to Healthcare Delivery System: “Physician-Nurse Communication: Seven Ways to Avoid the Pitfalls”

Marconi Secures Dismissal with Prejudice of Multi-Million Dollar Malpractice Lawsuit Against Matrimonial Law Firm

DOL Announces Withdrawal of “Independent Contractor Rule”

Illinois Limits Use of Prior Convictions in Employment Hiring Decisions

Overview and Structure of Civil Courts in Illinois

Robert M. Burke Receives Bullseye Barrister Award

Employers Can Require COVID-19 Vaccination, But Exceptions Exist

The Evolution of Forum Non Conveniens in Illinois and Recent Legislation to Limit the Doctrine

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Indiana Supreme Court to Assess Two Questions that Could Impact Healthcare Providers and their Insurers

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ICYMI: Sammi Renken Recognized as 2020 Women in Law Inaugural Honoree

Tabirta v. Cummings Ruling Amplifies Change of Venue Thresholds in Illinois

General Contractor Avoids OSHA Violations for Electrocution Fatality on Project

Former Shareholder, Daniel C. Murray, Dies at Age 71

Owens, Mathias Discuss Risk Assessment and Hazard Analysis at Defense Trial Counsel Meeting

Ellenbecker Secures Defense Verdict in Favor of Chiropractor

Kevin G. Owens Elected Chair of ALFA International at Annual Business Meeting

Marconi, Malarkey Complete TIC Transaction that Exceeds $85M in Value

Heated Legal Malpractice Dispute Extinguished by Appellate Ruling

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DOL Proposes Making It Easier to Label Workers Contractors

Appellate Court Reverses Bench Trial Award on Plaintiff’s Statutory Wage and Hour Claims Against Non-Profit Religious Organization

Schneiderman, Vickrey Secure Summary Judgment in Hospital Premises Liability Dispute

Case Law Overview: In Biegert, Seventh Circuit Ruling Sustains Use of Lethal Force When Officers Face Immediate Threats of Serious Harm

Chicago Law Firm, Partner Cleared in Dispute Over $5.75M Investment Scam

EEOC Protects Legal Opioid Users and Former Abusers from Workplace Discrimination

OSHA Guidance on Returning to Work in the Construction Industry

Kevin Owens to Discuss Virtual Reality Use in Litigation at July 21 Webinar

Case Law Overview: Seventh Circuit Appellate Ruling Sheds Additional Light on Facts Deemed Relevant in Construction Negligence Disputes

SCOTUS Expands “Ministerial Exception;” Shields Religious Employers

SCOTUS Exempts Religious Employers From Birth Control Coverage

The Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act: Sword or Shield

Not All Good Deeds Go Unpunished – EEOC Warns That Even Well-Intentioned Policies Directed at Older Workers Can Result In ADEA Violation

“WARN” ACT Notice Requirements for Workforce Reductions and Plant or Business Closures Caused by COVID-19

SCOTUS Decides that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Prohibits Employment Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Transgender Status

2020 Transportation Law Compendium for Illinois is Now Available

Attorney Client Privilege Under Attack: Disclosing Defendant Physicians as 213(f)(3) Witnesses

Thomas H. Fegan, Appellate Law Innovator and Johnson & Bell Shareholder, Dies at Age 72

In Defense of Nursing Homes: What Executive Order 2020-19 Might Provide

Cicero Files TRO Lawsuit Targeting Skilled Nursing Facility. Harbinger of Things to Come?

Representation of Trustee of an Internal Revenue Code §468B Qualified Settlement Funds (“QSF”)

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The Illinois WARN Act – How It Affects Workforce Reduction Initiatives

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Plaintiff Firms Adding Their Own Version of "Flu" to COVID-19 Pandemic

Rantis Secures Dismissal with Prejudice in Speedway Spectator Accident

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Cischke, Connery Secure Defense Verdict in Scoliosis Diagnosis Dispute Seeking $4M in Damages

?OSHA Increases Fines, Issues Standard Corrections and Wants Your Injury and Illness Reports

Prior Job Application Admissible in ADA Litigation Along with Evidence That The Employer Hired a Different Member of Plaintiff's Protected Class

Hearn, Grabarek Secure Positive Outcome for Indiana Attorney Facing Felony Theft Charge, Six Year Sentence

OSHA No Longer Accepting CIC Certifications

Johnson & Bell Sponsors Table at 2019 Unity Award Dinner

Cischke, Jasinski Secure Defense Verdict for Dermatologist in Dispute Seeking $3.6M in Damages

Seventh Circuit Reverses ADA Ruling in Favor of Plaintiff; Obesity Without Physiological Cause Not ADA Covered Impairment

Owens Joins ALFA International Contingent at ACC Meeting

At Trial Excellence Awards, Pioli, Jalalpour Receive Award for Outstanding Defense Verdict in Legal Malpractice Case

Johnson & Bell Attends Illinois Bar Foundation's 2019 Gala Event Honoring Robert Clifford

Owens Moderates Discussion with Executives at Product Manufacturers

OSHA Unveils New Opioid Toolkit and Revised Field Operations Manual

Hannigan Secures Defense Verdict for Cardiologist in Wrongful Death Dispute

Ryndak to Discuss Dispute Resolution Tactics

Burkoth, McElroy Attend IGFOA Annual Meeting

The Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act: Business Formation, Licensing and More

Hearn Scuttles Plaintiff's Attempt to Expand Monetary Damages, Liability

Case Law Overview: Probable Cause Existed and Plaintiff's Retaliatory Arrest Claim Against Two Officers Gets Tossed.

Employers & Personal Cannabis Use After HB-1438 (Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act)

Sub's Certificate of Insurance Insufficient to Garner Duty to Defend/Indemnify General Contractor

Credit Union Website Target of ADA Lawsuit, But Appellate Court Says Plaintiff Case Lacks Standing

"Stay In Your Lane:" SCOTUS Affirms Third-Party Defendants Can't Remove Class Action Lawsuits from State to Federal Court

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Latent Injury Cases Receive New Life as Tort Cases, Leaving Many Companies Facing Limited Insurance Coverage Options

Johnson & Bell Asks for Mercy

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Burke, Linneman Secure Verdict for Plaintiff in Pro Bono Employment Dispute with FEMA

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

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Age Discrimination in Employment Act Does Not Protect Job Applicants From Disparate Impact Discrimination

Plaintiff's Attempt to Expand Defendant's Liability Foiled by Partial Summary Judgment

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Serial Litigant Fails Again in Legal Malpractice Lawsuit

Has McKinney Changed the Face of Proof of Proximate Causation in Asbestos Litigation in Illinois?

Neuhengen Decision Increases Specter for Recovery of Punitive Damages from Less than Diligent Defendant Employers

OSHA Issues Final Rule on Crane Operator Certification Requirements

Pioli, Jalalpour Secure Defense Verdict in Favor of Deceased Attorney

Victor J. Pioli Discusses Legal Malpractice Trends and Issues with Area Law Firms

Kevin G. Owens Speaks at Valley Industrial Association

Amendments to Illinois Human Rights Act and Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act Could Mean Future Headaches for Employers

Johnson & Bell Obtains 7th Circuit Appellate Win in Coverage Dispute

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Sammi L. Renken Elected Into The Society of Trial Lawyers

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Appellate Court Rules District Court Sidestepped Jury Process in Dispute Over Non ADA-Compliant Courthouses in Illinois

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Hearn, Stanzione Secure Directed Verdict in Favor of Hospital in Negligent Credentialing Dispute

Reid, Macksey Secure Appellate Ruling to Uphold Arbitration Agreement in Nursing Home Dispute

Bell, Geiser Secure Judgment for Defense in $7M Retaliatory Discharge Dispute

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ABA Taps Victor J. Pioli to Discuss Lawyers' Professional Liability Issues at April Workshop

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With Settlement Offer on Table, Plaintiff Heads to Trial to Win… Less

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Seeking $1.4M in Damages for Alleged Injuries, Plaintiff Feels Pain of Defense Verdict

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Fired in Retaliation for Reporting a Work-Related Accident? 7th Circuit Says "No" and Rules Employer Entitled to Costs

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Expert Allowed to Testify That Employer's Anti-Discrimination Policies Met Custom and Practice in the Industry

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