

Appellate

We understand the goals, the thinking and the motivation that drive business decisions inside and outside the courtroom. The experience of our attorneys enables us to bring the highest level of legal skills to the defense of matters prior to suit, and throughout each phase of litigation, trial and appeal.

Appeals can be won—and lost—before a case ever gets to the reviewing court. To meet our clients' needs, we have, as one of our areas of practice, a group dedicated to handling appeals in state and federal courts. The members of this group have clerked for members of the Illinois Appellate Court and appear before reviewing courts in the Midwest and beyond.

View a relevant list of appellate team cases, [here](#).

Client Services

Clients retain members of the group to develop and implement appellate strategies before, during, and after trial, and to advise clients on the most effective way to reach favorable results in cases that other law firms have handled. Members of the group are effective in their practice because they are familiar with and experienced in all phases of appeals. Our attorneys routinely:

- Work with our trial attorneys in preparing motions in limine and second chairing trials in high exposure cases in which the record must be preserved;
- Draft and argue all forms of motions for post-trial relief, including motions for judgment notwithstanding the verdict, for a new trial, for approval of appeal bonds, and for stay of enforcement of judgments;
- Handle appeals from non-final orders (e.g., denying motions to dismiss on grounds of lack of personal jurisdiction, venue and forum non conveniens, granting new trials, or granting or denying preliminary injunctions, etc.); and
- Brief and argue cases before reviewing courts.

Clients also retain this group to take over cases handled or tried by other law firms to perform these services or to evaluate and consult on appeals being handled by other firms. Our attorneys have also been selected by industry and professional organizations to file amicus curiae briefs before reviewing courts on issues important to their members.

A Record of Results

The attorneys in our appellate group have handled over 600 appeals, resulting in over 300 published opinions that have shaped tort and commercial law.

PROFESSIONALS

Michael Resis
Partner

John C. Albert
Partner

Robert C. Buchbinder
Partner

Ellen L. Green
Partner

Debra A. Mastrian
Partner

Experience

Represented a Hospital System Alleged of Negligently Administering a Tube Feeding to which the Patient was Known to be Allergic

Obtained a Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice for Claims of Breach of Employment Contract, Defamation and Infliction of Emotional Distress on Behalf of a Health Care Employer

Defended the Interests of Temporary Staffing Agencies in a Case Brought by the Illinois Attorney General's Antitrust Division

Defended Wholesaler and Distributor Before US Court of Appeals

Obtained a Dismissal with Prejudice on the First Day of an Expected Two Week Trial

Successfully Represented a Natural Gas Pipeline Company in Contentious Trial and Appeal

Successfully Represented a Medical Practice in an Appeal

Firm News

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, January 25, 2024

Amundsen Davis Named in the 2024 Edition of Best Law Firms®

Firm News, November 2, 2023

92 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America

Firm News, August 17, 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2023

Firm News, November 3, 2022

41 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023

Firm News, August 18, 2022

30 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

January 28, 2022

U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2022

November 4, 2021

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34 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022
August 19, 2021

27 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 29, 2021

U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2021
November 5, 2020

30 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*© 2021
August 20, 2020

24 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 29, 2020

U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2020
November 1, 2019

29 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 24, 2019

U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2019
November 1, 2018

Amundsen Davis Ranks on Crain's Chicago Business' 2018 Largest Law Firms List
Crain's Chicago Business, October 25, 2018

15 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in Best Lawyers in America© 2019
August 15, 2018

6 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2018 Indiana Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, February 20, 2018

U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2018
November 1, 2017

Amundsen Davis Ranks on Crain's Chicago Business' Largest Law Firms List
Crain's Chicago Business, September 15, 2017

12 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in Best Lawyers in America© 2018
August 15, 2017

Michael Resis Inducted 2017-2018 President of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; Receives 2017 President's Award
The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, July 5, 2017

27 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2017 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 13, 2017

U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2017

Firm News

Amundsen Davis Ranks on Crain’s Chicago Business’ Chicago Largest Law Firms List

Firm News, *Crain’s Chicago Business*, September 10, 2016

U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2016

In the Media

Old Republic’s Liability Policy Not ‘Draconian,’ Ill. Court Says – *Law360* Article Mentions Alan Farkas, Mike Resis, and Ellen Green

Media Mention, *Law360*, October 4, 2021

Defending the Defense Bar -- *Chicago Lawyer* Interviews Michael Resis

Media Mention, *Chicago Lawyer*, April 2018

Michael Resis Quoted in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Article about Bill Write-Offs

Media Mention, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, July 27, 2016

Students Not Hurt By Sold Test Info, 7th Circ. Says - *Law360* Article Mentions Eric Samore and Michael Resis

Media Mention, *Law360*, November 19, 2015

Earlier Suit Didn’t Pause Clock For TCPA Suit, 11th Circ. Says - *Law360* Article Mentions Amundsen Davis

Media Mention, *Law360*, August 3, 2015

Alerts

Pre-Judgment Interest Law Takes Effect July 1, 2021

Amundsen Davis Alert, June 2, 2021

Take Caution with Filing Deadlines During COVID-19 Crisis

Article, April 1, 2020

Hang Up and Try Again: D.C. Court of Appeals Rejects the FCC’s TCPA Rules

Amundsen Davis Class Action Alert, March 20, 2018

New Legislation May Allow Carve-Out for Bypassing Wisconsin Court of Appeals

Amundsen Davis Milwaukee Legal Update, November 13, 2017

Events

A New Era: Prejudgment Interest in Illinois
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, June 16, 2021

USLAW Network Virtual Worldwide Retreat: 2021 and Beyond
USLAW Network, Webcast, September 30, 2020 - October 9, 2020

Published Works

Panel tosses legal malpractice claim about \$1.5M loss
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, November 8, 2016

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