

General Liability

Amundsen Davis was built on a defense litigation foundation more than 25 years ago. Our litigators have tried thousands of cases across the country rigorously defending insureds on behalf of insurance carriers and self-insured entities against catastrophic personal injury and property damage claims. We are a team of skilled litigators who are also skilled in the art of negotiation and dispute resolution. We understand that each case is a business decision. We will guide you every step of the way, through the investigation, information gathering and litigation process, and including how to preserve and protect sensitive and necessary information.

We represent our clients in private or commercial settings in construction accidents, vehicular impacts, premises liability suits, common carrier claims, trucking and transportation matters, fraud claims, defamation suits and other tort matters. We also handle third party employer liability claims in the construction setting, contract claims, dram shop matters and UIM cases.

We know how to budget, strategize and staff matters so cases are handled effectively and efficiently. We keep our clients informed and keep the budget top of mind every step of the way. We utilize the latest technology to manage large document intensive cases and create innovative courtroom presentations. When handling the sensitive information that inevitably gets uncovered during investigations, we take cyber security precautions to protect your information.

We work as your business partners throughout each matter. We understand the impact of litigation and know that it isn't always the client's preferred road to resolution. While our trial and appellate experience is extensive, we also find creative solutions through alternative dispute resolution.

Experience

Obtained Dismissal in Matter Involving Sexual Assault Allegations Against a Masseuse

Represented Distributor of Electronic Monitoring Device and Software in Matter Involving Sexual Assault

Advocated on Behalf of a Large Residential Apartment Building Against Allegations of Negligence in a Sexual Assault Matter

Obtained Defense Verdict In a Defamation and False Arrest Lawsuit

Not Guilty Verdict Obtained for Owner of Vehicle Transport Company in Lawsuit

PROFESSIONALS

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Obtained Summary Judgment for a National Beverage Corporation in a Trip & Fall Case

Received Dismissal of Matter Centered on the Apartment Building's Failure to Conduct a Background Check and to Secure Common Areas

Successfully Settled Matter Involving Sexual Assault Allegations Against a Minor

Handled Matter Involving Alleged Sexual Assault by a Hotel Security Staff Employee

Secured a Defense Verdict in Favor of the Insured in a Traumatic Brain Injury Jury Trial

Won Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Major Retailer and Pharmacist

Won a Defense Verdict for an Emergency Room Physician After He Allegedly Failed to Diagnose Toxic Shock Syndrome

Won a Unanimous Defense Verdict for a Doctor Who Was Alleged to Have Failed to Diagnose and Treat Hernia and Urinary Retention

Represented a City Against Allegations of Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation

Secured a Jury Verdict Significantly Less Than What Was Sought by Plaintiff's Counsel in a Rear End Accident

Obtained Summary Judgment for a Hardware Store in a Premises Liability Action

Successfully Moved for a Dismissal of an Amended Complaint with Prejudice Where the Plaintiff Changed Basic Factual Allegations Between the Initial and Amended Pleading

Received a Defense Verdict for a Client Who Conducts Studies for FDA Approval

Secured Summary Judgment for an Exterior Construction Contractor in a Slip and Fall Case

Received a Defense Verdict in a Medical Negligence Case for an Emergency Physician, Alleged to Have Failed to Detect a Retained Piece of Wood

Defended a Construction Manager on Appeal Following Successful Summary Judgment on a Plaintiff's Claims of Construction Negligence and Premises Liability

Obtained a Defense Verdict in a Medical Negligence Case for an Emergency Physician Who Allegedly Failed to Properly Explore and Clean a Wound

Prevailed on a Motion of Summary Judgment and Subsequent Appeal on Behalf of a General Contractor in a Premises Liability and Construction Negligence Claim

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Obtained Summary Judgment for a Cement Company

Obtained a Full Defense Verdict on Behalf of His Client for a Frivolously Filed Lawsuit Related to an Alleged Illegal Tow on the Client's Property

Secured a Jury Verdict Less Than What Was Offered at Settlement After a Collision at a Stop Sign

Obtained a Defense Verdict in a Medical Negligence Case for an Emergency Physician, Alleged to Have Failed to Diagnose an Infection

Secured a Defense Verdict for a General Contractor in a Case Involving a Construction Injury Accident

Won a Motion to Dismissal for a Property Owner and Management Group in a Premises Liability Matter

Obtained Favorable Settlement on Behalf of a Defendant for Claims Arising from Vehicle Purchase

Obtained Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Church for an Alleged Sex Abuse Case

Obtained Summary Judgment for a Defendant Who Owned an Allegedly Defective Ladder that Caused Injuries to the Plaintiff

Secured Summary Judgment for Parents of Teenage Son After Alleged Negligent Supervision

Secured a Dismissal with Prejudice of All Claims Brought by a Project's General Contractor for a Major Wisconsin Contractor in an Arbitration

Successfully Transferred Cases for a Global Services Provider from Cook County to Venues Where the Injury Occurred or Where the Plaintiff's Reside

Successfully Defended a Building Management Company Against a Personal Injury Claim Following a Slip and Fall Incident

Handled a Contested Liability Lawsuit where the Plaintiff was Left a Quadriplegic

Represented the Parent Company of a Factory in a Personal Injury Case After an Employee was Hurt During an Industrial Accident

Represented a Property Owner in a Premises Liability and Landlord / Tenant Action

Represented a Building Contractor Following an Explosions and Fire that Destroyed the Entire Premises

Obtained a Not-Guilty Verdict on a Property Damage Bench Trial

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Secured Dismissal with Prejudice on Jurisdictional Grounds of Defamation Against an Attorney

Tired a Jury Trial Wherein the Plaintiff's Widow Alleged Host Liability

Successfully Represented a Hotel in a Massive Claim of Alleged Food Poisoning

Successfully Settled Matter Involving Claim of Sexual Assault Against Therapist

Granted Summary Judgment for a Nightclub After a Plaintiff Patron Injured Her Knee

Successfully Negotiated Nominal Settlements on Behalf of Retails After Lithium Ion Batteries Caught Fire

Won Summary Judgment for a Premises Owner

Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of a Parking Lot Owner and Construction Contractor After Allegations that a Negligent Design and the Direction of Traffic During Construction Caused a Car Accident

Defended an Electrical Contractor Against Negligence and Safe Place Claims

Represented Group of Orthopedic Surgeons in a Slip and Fall Incident

Successfully Defended a Masonry Contractor in a Construction Injury Case

Successfully Defended a Minor Who Allegedly Caused Significant Injury to a Student on the Playground

Reached a Favorable Resolution in a Construction Defect Matter

Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of a Premises Owner Whose Daughter Allegedly Assaulted the Plaintiff

Obtained Zero Liability Judgment Following a Mandatory Arbitration Proceeding in a Case Involving a Tree Falling from the Client's Property onto a Roadway

Defended a Credit Union Named in a Consumer Law Action

Represented Young Adult Involved in Serious Motor Vehicle Accident

Successfully Helped a Construction Company and its Employee Avoid the Risk of Paying Punitive Damages in a Wrongful Death Case

Reached Favorable Resolution for Client with Significant Injury

Successfully Settled a Wrongful Death Claim Involving an Independent Contractor on Call for Pest Control Duties for a Homeowners Association

Obtained Zero Liability Judgment Following a Mandatory Arbitration Proceeding in a Slip and Fall Case

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Negotiated a Settlement Inclusive of a Licensing and Operating Agreement for a Dispute Between an Operator of Recreational Sporting Facilities and a Sports Technology Company

Obtained Favorable Ruling Vacating Default Judgment

Obtained Favorable Ruling Denying Motion for Preliminary Injunction for Industrial Dairy Farm

Won Defense Verdict for Property Manager

Won a Defense Verdict in a Premises Liability Case Involving an Arsonist

Secured Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Landlord After the Plaintiff Slipped on Stairway Carpeting Installed by the Landlord

Defended an Asphalt Contractor Against a Personal Injury Lawsuit Brought by a Pedestrian Struck by a Vehicle

Obtained Not Guilty Verdict on an Issue of Agency

Achieved Summary Judgment in Security Case

Obtained a Favorable Defense Jury Verdict on a Plaintiff Personal Injury Lawsuit

Obtained Summary Judgment in a Wrongful Death and Survival Action on Behalf of Premises Owners After a Five Year Old Boy Drowned in the Defendants' Pool

Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of a Not-For-Profit Organization and Officers in Connection with a Motor Vehicle Accident Involving the Organization's Bus

Received a Dismissal on Behalf of a Client Involved in a Motor Vehicle Accident

Successfully Settled Matter for Care Facility Involving Assault and Civil Rights Violations

Represented a Logging Company in a Lawsuit Involving Allegations of Trespass

Obtained a Favorable Defense Jury Verdict on a Property Damage Lawsuit

Successfully Defended an Owner and Operator of a Crane in a Personal Injury Case

Defended an Engineering Firm Against Alleged Negligent Design and Unjust Enrichment

Won Summary Judgment for a Food Processing Company

Won Summary Judgment on Behalf of an Off-Duty Police Officer for Wrongful Death and Survival Claims

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Obtained a Dismissal with Prejudice of a Highly-Contested Lawsuit Against a National Mutual Insurance Company

Defended an International Feed Distribution Company for a Products Liability Claim

Obtained a Voluntary Dismissal for a Subcontractor Involved in the Liquidation of a Commercial Proper

Defended a Condominium Association in a Civil Rights Action

Obtained a Defense Verdict at Trial in a Personal Injury Matter

Secured a Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Landlord Following the Failure of Decking Materials that Resulted in Injuries

Secured an Order of Summary Judgment on Behalf of a Real Estate Developer in a Contractual Dispute

Retained by a Real Estate Company Following an Injury that Occurred During a Showing of a Home

Defense of Wrongful Death and Survival Claims

Successfully Defended an Insurance Company in an Underinsured Motorist Lawsuit

Defended a Retail Store from Allegations Concerning Premises Defect that Caused Heavy Materials to Fall on the Plaintiff

Obtained Summary Judgment for a Premises Owner

Represented a National Real Estate Investment Trust Company Against Allegation of Tortious Interference, Violation of Right to Privacy, and Discrimination

Secured a Dismissal of a Home Inspection Company that had Inspected a Premises Prior to a Major Deck Collapse

Defense of Condo Association and Property Manager in Pre-suit Claims for Burn Injuries

Defense Verdict in a Four-Day Retrial of a Gender Discrimination Case

Represented a Church Following a Construction Accident

Obtained Summary Judgment for Restaurant Facing a Food Poisoning Claim

Defended a Hotel Chain Against a Guest's Claim that They had been Exposed to Toxic Chemicals during an Extended Stay

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

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Secured Summary Judgment for a Homeowner in a Dog Bite Incident

Won a Court Trial in a Small Claims Matter Involving Negligence

Defended a Car Wash in Small Claims Court in Will County Where a Plaintiff was Alleging Property Damage

Defended a Construction Company Against a Wrongful Death Claims Involving OSHA Citations

Successfully Settled Matter Involving Allegations of a Minor Being Sexually Groomed and Assaulted

Successfully Dismissed a Case after an Individual Accused a Corporate Executive of Rear-ending Him on a Business Trip

Successfully Defended a Client Wrongfully Accused of Causing Damage to a Home During a Renovation

Defended a Client at Arbitration After Two Plaintiffs Alleged Negligence for a Motor Vehicle Accident

Represented a Driver Alleged to Have Been Negligent During a Lane Change

Represented a World Class Athlete Against Claims that Horses Kept on his Premises Caused Injuries to a Rider

Successfully Defended a Client Who was Wrongfully Accused of Contributing to the Injuries of a Passenger in a Vehicle Collision

Defended a Manufacturer in a Liability Lawsuit Where an Individual's Leg was Amputated

Obtained Favorable Settlements for a Group of Distributors When a Large Manufacturer Wanted to Take Over the Distributors' Sales Territories

Successfully Settled Matter Involving Sexual Assault Allegations Against a Hotel Bartender

Represented a National Janitorial Service Provider in a Personal Injury Suit Involving Water Infiltration at a Suburban Office Building

Successfully Defended a National Sandwich Chain Against Allegations of a Foreign Substance Contained within a Food Product

Obtained a Favorable Defense Jury Verdict in Cook County

Obtained Dismissal with Prejudice in a Defamation Action Against a Journalist

Successfully Defended a Retailer Allegations of Negligence in Hiring

Represented Childcare Facility After Resident Was Allegedly Molested

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Represented a Designer and Manufacturer of a Display Where an Individual Fell and Sustained a Fatal Traumatic Brain Injury

Successfully Defended a National Distributor Against Claims Alleging Injuries Caused by an Employee

Obtained a Jury Verdict in his Client's Favor in a Personal Injury Lawsuit Where the Plaintiff Claimed Nearly \$100,000 in Medical Expenses

Successfully Defended a Family Owned Business and Its Owners in a Jury Trial Against Claims of Negligence

Secured Beneficial Evidence that Resulted in No Wrongful Death Suit Being Filed after a Fatal Farming Accident

Obtained a Favorable Verdict for a Business Client in a Commercial Lease Dispute

Firm News

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Sean Thompson to St. Charles Office
Firm News, May 8, 2024

Amundsen Davis Promotes 10 Attorneys to Partner
Firm News, February 21, 2024

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, January 25, 2024

Kristin M. Johnson Holevas Joins Amundsen Davis's Chicago Office
Firm News, December 11, 2023

Attorney Matthew R. Planey Joins Amundsen Davis's Columbus Office
Firm News, December 8, 2023

Lauren Dreifus Joins Amundsen Davis's Transportation & Logistics Service Group
Firm News, November 27, 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in 2023 Missouri Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, November 14, 2023

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 Welcomes Attorney Caroline Mazurek Cozzi
Firm News, August 14, 2023

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Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Kyle Sullivan to Chicago Office
Firm News, June 26, 2023

Ejulus Adorno Joins Amundsen Davis's Transportation & Logistics Service Group
Firm News, June 19, 2023

New Partner Terese Drew Joins Amundsen Davis's St. Louis Office
Firm News, May 15, 2023

Emily Everden Joins Amundsen Davis's Transportation & Logistics Service Group
Firm News, May 15, 2023

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Firm News, February 10, 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

Attorney Annalise Castner Joins Amundsen Davis General Liability Service Group
Firm News, January 3, 2023

BTI Consulting Group Names Dennis Cotter on Client Service All-Stars 2023 List
Firm News, *BTI Consulting Group*, 2023

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Daniel Faust to General Liability Service Group
Firm News, December 19, 2022

Attorney Kathleen Sawtell Joins Amundsen Davis's Indianapolis Office
Firm News, December 1, 2022

Attorney Jeff Oberlies Joins Amundsen Davis's Indianapolis Office
Firm News, December 1, 2022

Heather Bub Included in the 2022 Missouri Super Lawyers List
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, November 14, 2022

41 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023
Firm News, August 18, 2022

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Transportation Attorney Scott T. Lechowicz to Chicago Office
Firm News, February 28, 2022

30 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 28, 2022

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Tort Litigation Attorney Eric A. Pagnamenta Joins Amundsen Davis
Firm News, January 24, 2022

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2021 Missouri Super Lawyers List
Amundsen Davis, November 18, 2021

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2021 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and
Rising Stars List
Amundsen Davis, November 18, 2021

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

Amundsen Davis Contributes Amicus Brief to a Significant Win for Indiana's
Defense Bar
March 26, 2021

5 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2021 Indiana Super Lawyers and Rising
Stars Lists
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, February 25, 2021

Amundsen Davis Promotes Two to Partner
February 22, 2021

Attorney Michael D. Barnes Joins Amundsen Davis's Commercial Transportation
Practice in Chicago
February 15, 2021

Attorney Molly Koenig Joins Amundsen Davis's Tort Litigation Practice Group in
Milwaukee
January 4, 2021

Attorney Patrick J. Richel Joins Amundsen Davis's Construction Practice Group in
Chicago
January 4, 2021

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on the 2020 Missouri Super Lawyers and
Rising Stars List
Amundsen Davis, November 16, 2020

Attorney Paul Mackowski Joins Amundsen Davis's Tort Litigation Practice in
Indianapolis
April 1, 2020

7 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2020 Indiana Super Lawyers and Rising
Stars Lists
Amundsen Davis, February 14, 2020

In the Media

III. Attys Hope Virtual Hearings Will Endure Post-Pandemic – *Law360* Interviews and Quotes Lew Bricker
Media Mention, *Law360*, March 12, 2021

Alerts

Pre-Judgment Interest Law Takes Effect July 1, 2021
Amundsen Davis Alert, June 2, 2021

Snow and Ice Removal: Does Your Contract Protect You From Personal Injury Liability?
Amundsen Davis Tort Litigation Alert, November 5, 2020

Defense of COVID-19 Bodily Injury Litigation in Illinois
Amundsen Davis Insurance Alert, June 2, 2020

Events

Artificial Intelligence: Concerns and Solutions for In-House Counsel
Speaking Engagement, ISBA Corporate Law Departments; Webcast, March 19, 2024

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

Kane County Bar Association Civil Practice Committee Meeting- Tips and Pointers for Remote Depositions
Kane County Bar Association, Zoom, October 21, 2020

Published Works

State of Illinois General Liability COVID-19 Quick Guide
USLAW, September 1, 2020

State of Indiana General Liability COVID-19 Quick Guide
USLAW, September 1, 2020