

# Daniel R. Whiston

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**PARTNER**

## Overview

Dan has earned the reputation of being an aggressive litigator over his nearly 20 year career. He serves as the co-chair of the Amundsen Davis's General Liability Service Group overseeing the firm's highly regarded team of litigators. Dan's litigation and trial experience includes representation of clients in civil, corporate, municipal, financial services, life insurance and annuities, banking, nonprofit, premises liability, automobile, contracts and school law matters. A successful trial attorney, Dan listens and understands his clients' concerns before partnering with them to determine the best course of action.

When not working or spending time with his family, Dan serves on the boards of several charitable foundations that support medical research for neuro-muscular conditions. He is the founding member of a 501(c)(3) that funds cutting edge research in developing treatments for rare diseases. In this role, he directly communicates with scientists and pharmaceutical companies across the United States and Europe. Dan has served on the board of directors and as general counsel for the Kane County Bar Association.

## Experience

Secured Summary Judgment for a Life Insurance Carrier After a Policy Holder Provided Fraudulent Answers to Questions on his Criminal History

Resolved a Dispute Concerning Payment Issues Between a Service Provider and Insurance Plan

Secured Summary Judgment for a Homeowner in a Dog Bite Incident

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

## SERVICES

General Liability

Outside General Counsel

## EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 2005

University of Illinois, B.A., 1998

## ADMISSIONS

Illinois

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Represented a Church Following a Construction Accident

Serves as Litigation Counsel for a Major Illinois City

Serves as Counsel for Illinois Water Reclamation District

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

### Membership & Involvement

- Member: Illinois State Bar Association; DuPage County Bar Association; Kane County Bar Association, Board of Directors; Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; Education Advisory Board, Joshua Frase Foundation.

### Honors

- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers list: 2018, 2019
- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Selected by the Leading Lawyers Network as an "Emerging Lawyer" in personal injury defense law: general
- Received the *Outstanding New Lawyer Award* at the Kane County Bar Association in 2012

## Firm News

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

January 24, 2019

28 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers and 2016 Illinois Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 8, 2016

Illinois Super Lawyers & Illinois Rising Stars Names 26 Amundsen Davis Attorneys to 2015 List

January 12, 2015

Kane County Bar Association Board of Managers Announces Election of Daniel Whiston to Board

May 21, 2013

Illinois Super Lawyers & Illinois Rising Stars Names 19 Amundsen Davis Attorneys to 2013 List

January 3, 2013

## In the Media

Helping Find Treatment: Daniel and Melanie Whiston found Where There's a Will There's a Cure

## Speaking Engagements

Kane County Bar Association Civil Practice Committee Meeting- Tips and Pointers for Remote Depositions

Kane County Bar Association, Zoom, October 21, 2020

Kane County Bar Association Hosts 2017 Civil Court Practice Seminar

Kane County Bar Association, Seminar; Geneva, IL, March 15, 2017

New Local Court Rules for Civil Proceedings – Kane County Bar Association Hosts Civil Practice Committee Meeting

Kane County Bar Association; St. Charles, IL, February 9, 2017

2016 Civil Practice Law Seminar

Kane County Bar Association, Geneva, IL, February 25, 2016

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