

# Ronald Balfour

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**PARTNER**

## Overview

Ron's grandmother used to warn people not to get into arguments with him because they had no hope of winning. Clearly, his litigation skills developed at an early age.

Ron's clients face the most complex of litigation but he works tirelessly to communicate legal issues in a way that is understandable to the client, a skill they very much appreciate. As a member of the Class Action Service Group, Ron vigorously defends his clients' interests by showing the claims against them are without merit while also working to minimize costs and exposure by defeating class certification as early as possible. Along the same lines, Ron works hard to protect parent corporations and individual shareholders by ensuring that liability is properly limited to the party actually responsible for the actions at issue. Ron's practice has given him the opportunity to defend putative class claims involving a wide range of substantive issues, from alleged consumer fraud to breach of contract, to housing and disability discrimination, and various statutes including the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, the California Unfair Competition Law, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act. In addition, Ron uses his complex litigation experience to help resolve business disputes arising out of business relationships, including insurer-agent, corporation-stockholder, and competitor disputes.

Ron occasionally takes his performing talents outside the courtroom. He is a member of the CBA Chorus and performs in the Chicago Bar Association's Annual Bar Show.

## Experience

Defeated a Motion to Remand and Won Summary Judgment In a Class Action Lawsuit Alleging Apartment Complex was Uninhabitable

## SERVICES

Business Litigation

Class Action

Cybersecurity & Data Privacy

Professional Liability

## EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, J.D., 2011

University of Illinois, B.A., 2008

## ADMISSIONS

Illinois

New York

Secured Dismissal of Website Tracking Claims, Based Upon Use of Meta Pixel, Against a Healthcare Organization

Successfully Obtained Stay of Discrimination Dispute Pending Arbitration

Defeated Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Obtained Summary Judgment

Secured Dismissal of a Class Action Lawsuit Based Upon Claims Against a Private Medicaid Administrator

Won a Motion to Dismiss for Claims Based on the Illinois Condominium Property Act and Illinois Consumer Fraud Act

Successfully Moved to Dismiss a Parent Corporation Alleged to have Violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act

Defended a Financial Holding Company Seeking to Recover Damages Due to Alleged Statutory Violations by its Subsidiary

Secured Dismissal of a Technology Company in an Alleged Breach of Personal Data

Represented More than 20 Universities in the NCAA Football MDL Alleging the Defendants Concealed the Dangers Associated with Concussions

Represented a Jewelry Company, its Parent Corporation, and Two of its Individual Shareholders Accused of Consumer Fraud

Successfully Moved to Strike the Claims of Non-Illinois residents from a Federal Class Action

Represented a Cosmetics Manufacturer that was Accused of Consumer Fraud

Defended a Major Nonprofit Organization Against Claims of Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities

Represented a Power Equipment Company Against a Products Liability Claim

Represented a Fast Food Franchisee Against Claims of Misleading Consumers

Represented a Fast Food Franchisee in a Lawsuit Seeking an Injunction Requiring Extensive Operational Changes during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Successfully Moved to Dismiss a Lawsuit Against an Insurer Brought by an Agency Claiming it was Entitled to Over \$2 Million in Accrued Excess Profits

Class Action Team Defeats Class Allegations in Housing Discrimination Case

### Membership & Involvement

- Chicago Bar Association: Antitrust Law Committee; Class Action Committee; Commercial Litigation Committee

- American Bar Association: Litigation Section; Class Action and Derivative Suits Committee; Director and Officer Liability Committee; Business Law Section
- Member: Deerfield Chamber of Commerce

### Honors

- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

### Firm News

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

Firm News, January 25, 2024

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

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

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

January 28, 2022

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

January 29, 2021

Amundsen Davis Promotes Three to Partner

February 24, 2020

### In the Media

Cirque Du Soleil Wins TCPA Decert, After China Agritech – *Law 360* Article Mentions Eric Samore, Molly Arranz, Ronald Balfour and Albert Bower

### Alerts

Best Business Practices to Prevent or Reduce the Risk of Wire Transfer Fraud

Use It or Lose It: Supreme Court Says Arbitration Clauses Can Be Waived Inadvertently

The California Consumer Privacy Act: A Landmark Law Heralding the Future of Consumer Privacy?

Concrete or Not So Concrete: That is the Question

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## Speaking Engagements

Best Practices for Protecting Your Customers – and Your Bank – Against Wire Transfer Fraud

Speaking Engagement, Indiana Bankers Association's 2024 Annual Cyber, Fraud, & Physical Security Conference; Indianapolis, IN, August 29, 2024

CLE: Breaches and Biometrics – Current Trends in Data Privacy Enforcement and Litigation

Illinois College of Law and the Law Alumni Board, Seminar; Chicago, IL, February 20, 2020

## Published Works

COVID-19 and University Closures - What Institutions Can Expect as Students File Class Actions Against Them

*The Defense Research Institution's Commercial Litigation Committee Newsletter*, June 2, 2020

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