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Date and Place of Birth:

January 13, 1963
Evergreen Park, Illinois

Education:

Loyola University Chicago - B.B.A., 1985

Loyola University Chicago - J.D., 1988

Bar Admissions:

1988 Illinois Supreme Court
1988 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
1990 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois Trial Bar
1994 U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
1998 U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
1999 U.S. Supreme Court
2000 U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
2004 U.S. Court of Federal Claims
2017 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

Bar Appointments:

2005 to 2013	Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases
2008 to 2010	Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases (Chairperson)
2005 to 2013	Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases (Publications Sub-Committee)
2003 to 2004	Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility

Experience:

2023 to present	Robert J. Napleton & Associates, partner Chicago, Illinois
2003 to 2023	Motherway & Napleton, LLP, partner Chicago, Illinois
1999 to 2002	Motherway, Glenn & Napleton, LLP, partner Chicago, Illinois
1988 to 1998	Motherway & Glenn, P.C., associate attorney Chicago, Illinois
1987 to 1988	Motherway & Glenn, P.C., law clerk Chicago, Illinois
1987 to 1988	Cook County State's Attorney's Office Markham, Illinois (Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711 Program)
1985 to 1988	Office of Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, assigned to Judge James E. Murphy, Law Division, Pretrial Section

Professional Organizations and Positions:

American Association for Justice
(Formerly known as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America)
Leaders Forum, 2003 - present

American Bar Association
Member, 2002 to 2012

American Board of Trial Advocates
Advocate member, 2018 - present
Associate member, 2000 - 2017
Membership Chairman of Illinois Chapter, 2006 - 2008
Vice President of Illinois Chapter, 2013 - 2014
President of Illinois Chapter, 2015 - 2016

American College of Trial Lawyers
Fellow, 2007 - present
Admission to Fellowship Committee, 2007 - 2010
Upstate Illinois Committee, 2007- 2010

The National Trial Lawyers Association
Member, 2009 - present
Top 100 Trial Lawyers, 2009 - present

Chicago Bar Association
Member, 1988 - present
Trial Techniques Committee, YLS 1991-1992

Citizens for James Brosnahan
State Representative for the 36th District
Treasurer, 1996-2010

Illinois State Bar Association
Member, 1988 - present
Board of Governors, 1994-2000
Tort Law Section Council, 1992-1995
Assembly, 1994-2000
Mentor, 2004-present

Illinois Super Lawyers®
Blue Ribbon Panel (to evaluate nominees), 2009-present

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
Member, 1988 - present
Board of Advocates, 1993-1997
Medical Negligence and Product Liability Committees, 1994-present
Board of Managers, 1997-present
Civil Practice Committee, 1995-2000
Lobbying Committee, 2009-2011
Nominating Committee, 2012-2013

International Society of Barristers
Member, 2017-present

Loyola University School of Law
Circle of Advocates
The Dean's Circle
Circle of Advocates Advisory Board
1L Mentoring Program

Society of Trial Lawyers
Board of Directors, 2006 - 2008

Southwest Bar Association
Member, 1988 to present

Trial Lawyers Care, Inc. (Free legal help for 9-11 victims)
Volunteer, 2001-2004

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice
Associate member, 2002-2010

Professional Societies:

America's Top 100 Attorneys
Lifetime Achievement Membership

America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators

American Bar Foundation
Fellow, 2002 - present

Brother Rice High School St. Thomas More Society

Catholic Lawyers Guild

Chicago Bar Foundation
Life Fellow, 2001 - present

Illinois Bar Foundation
Life Fellow, 1997- present

Illinois Super Lawyers[®] - The Top 5% of Illinois Lawyers (2005-present)

Illinois Super Lawyers[®] - Top 100 Lawyers in Illinois (2009)
Top 100 Lawyers in Illinois (2013)
Top 100 Lawyers in Illinois (2014)
Top 100 Lawyers in Illinois (2015)
Top 100 Lawyers in Illinois (2017)
Top 100 Lawyers in Illinois (2021)

Leading American Attorneys: Advisory Board

Leading Lawyers Network – The Top 5% of Illinois Lawyers (2003-present):
- Personal Injury Law: General (2003-present)
- Personal Injury Law: Professional Malpractice (2003-present)

Leading Lawyers Network
Leading Consumer Lawyers - Top 100 in Illinois (2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2013,
2015, 2016, 2019)

Martindale Hubbell “AV” rated
Best Attorneys Network

National Association of Distinguished Counsel, Top One Percent
2015 - Present

Outstanding Lawyers of America

Roscoe Pound Foundation
Fellow, 1993 - 2011

Society of Trial Lawyers
Board of Directors, 2006 - 2008

Southwest Bar Association

Ten Million Dollar Lawyers Club

Who's Who in American Law

"40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch"
June, 2000 selected by Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Publishing Co.

Articles and Publications:

"Proving and Disputing Liability in Tort Cases from a Plaintiff's Perspective", Chicago Bar Association Seminar, May 24, 1988.

"An Analysis of the Proctor v. Davis Decision - Has it reduced recovery of punitive damages in Illinois to the cost of doing business?" Illinois State Bar Association Tort Trends, December 1994.

"Trying the Malpractice Case" Handling Accident Cases, Cumulative Supplement, Volume 3A, Chapter 39, Section 87, Medical, Hospital and Dental, October 2002.

"Pleadings" Handling Accident Cases, Cumulative Supplement, Volume 3A, Chapter 37, Section 56, Medical, Hospital and Dental, October 2002.

"Handling Alteration and Destruction of Records" Handling Accident Cases, Cumulative Supplement, Volume 1, Chapter 17, Section 164T, Medical, Hospital and Dental, October 2002.

"Hospital and HMO Liability for Contract Physician Malpractice: An Update on Apparent Agency" Illinois Bar Journal, Volume 93, No. 2, February 2005.

"An Opening Statement in a Medical Malpractice Case - *MontMarquette v. Michael Borders, M.D.*", Trial Journal of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, Volume 7, No. 2, Summer 2005.

"Use of Medical Records", ITLA Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook, December 2010 to present.

Invited Speaking Engagements:

February 21, 1994	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, “ <i>Disability and Disfigurement,</i> ”
September 10, 1994	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, “ <i>Wilful and Wanton Misconduct/Punitive Damages</i> ”
February 28, 1995	Northwest Suburban Bar Association Seminar, “ <i>Slip, Trip and Fall Cases</i> ”
April 8, 1995	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, “ <i>Premises Liability</i> ”
April 26, 1995	Illinois State Bar Association Seminar, “ <i>Proving Disability and Pain and Suffering</i> ”
September 9, 1995	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, “ <i>Premises Liability</i> ”
November 30, 1995	Illinois State Bar Association Seminar, “ <i>Hospital and HMO Liability</i> ”
March 15, 1996	The Healthcare Risk Management Society of Metropolitan Chicago Seminar, “ <i>Managed Care, Point and Counterpoint</i> ”
September 16, 1996	National Business Institute, “ <i>Effective Discovery Procedures in Illinois</i> ”
October 14, 1996	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar on Trial Techniques, “ <i>Direct Examination of the Plaintiff on Injury/Damage Issues</i> ”
September 12, 1998	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar “ <i>HMO Liability</i> ”
December 10, 1999	Illinois State Bar Association Seminar, “ <i>Overlooked but Powerful Discovery Devices - Knowing and Using What’s in Your Arsenal, Deposition Options, Part I.</i> ”
December 11, 1999	Illinois Trial Lawyer’s Association Seminar on Medical Negligence, “ <i>HMO Liability, What Now Following the <u>Petrovich</u> Decision?</i> ”
March 30-31, 2000	The Sedona Conference on Complex Managed Care Litigation “ <i>HMO Malpractice Liability</i> ” and “ <i>The Trial of a Complex Managed Care Lawsuit</i> ”

May 18, 2000	Illinois State Bar Association Seminar, “ <i>HMO Liability from the Plaintiff’s Perspective</i> ”
December 9, 2000	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar on Medical Malpractice, “ <i>HMO Liability</i> ”
October 4, 2001	Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyer's Section Seminar on Medical Malpractice, “ <i>Establishing Negligence</i> ”
January 19, 2002	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar on Tort Litigation “ <i>Screening the Potential Case</i> ”
October 15, 2002	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar on Avoiding Common Pitfalls “ <i>Liens</i> ”
April 9, 2003	Chicago-Kent College of Law Health Law Society Spring Symposium on “ <i>Managed Care Liability</i> ”
October 10, 2003	American Society of Dermatopathology Annual Meeting <i>Medical-Legal Issues in Dermatopathology: “How to Decrease Your Chances of Being Sued and Still Practice Good Medicine from the Standpoint of a Plaintiff’s Attorney”</i>
October 1, 2010	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Update and Review Seminar, “ <i>The 25% and 1% Rule of the Joint Tortfeasors Act</i> ”
February 17, 2011	American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons Annual Meeting, “ <i>Providing Expert Opinion and Testimony</i> ”
April 27, 2012	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar on Ethics and Professionalism, “ <i>Petitioning for Enhanced Attorney’s Fees in Medical Malpractice Cases</i> ”
October 14, 2013	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Update and Review Seminar, “ <i>Joint and Several Liability</i> ”
April 5, 2014	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar on Settlement, Liens and Technology, “ <i>Presenting Economic Damages</i> ”
December 5, 2015	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Seminar, “ <i>Combatting Common Defenses</i> ”
December 3, 2016	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Seminar, “ <i>Vicarious Liability</i> ”

February 10, 2017

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Seminar on Complex Litigation and Civil Liability for Non-Traditional Torts Seminar, “*Dealing with a New Era of Jury Selection and Persuasion*”

Practice Areas:

Personal Injury, Medical Negligence,
Product Liability, Aviation Disasters,
Construction Negligence and Wrongful Death