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## **EDUCATION**

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL,**  
J.D., cum laude, 1991

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
A.B. with honors, 1988, Phi Beta Kappa

**IIT KENT COLLEGE OF LAW**  
L.L.M. in Taxation, 2001, High Honors

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE/EMPLOYMENT**

- 1997 to Present: The Clinton Law Firm, Chicago, IL
- 1996 – 1997: Katten, Muchin & Zavis, Chicago, IL
- 1992 – 1996: Mayer, Brown & Platt, Chicago, IL
- 1991 – 1992: Law Clerk to the Honorable Michael S. Kanne, Judge United States Court Of Appeals For The Seventh Circuit

## **AREAS OF CONCENTRATED EXPERIENCE**

- Legal Malpractice
- Legal Ethics
- Commercial Litigation
- Breach of Contract
- Commercial Arbitration

## **Recent Legal Malpractice Expert Appointments:**

Sasso v. Ginali, 07 L 11337 (Defendant)

Caldera Pharmaceuticals v. Bellows, 10-cv-00222 (D. New Mexico) (Plaintiff)

Mangum v. Beeler, 2011 L 03988 (Plaintiff)

Andrews v. Century National, 2013 L 8116 (Defendant)

Freeborn & Peters v. Mazer, 2011 L 7810 (Defendant) (legal fees issue)

Vedam v. Law Firm of Barry Greenburg, 14 L 2107 (Plaintiff)

Tinsley v Siegel, Greenfield Hayes & Gross, PLLC, 16-015898-CA (Michigan)

Mazutis v. Karlin, 12 L 1405 (Plaintiff)

Tsoukalas v. Spear, 16 CH 14171 (Plaintiff)

Fiore v. Richardson, 2017 L 09984 (Plaintiff)

O'Malley v. Dahl, 2018 L 006426 (Plaintiff)

Jarta v. Devon Bank, 2108 CH 16029 (Plaintiff)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Federal Regulation Of Securities,” with Edward X. Clinton, Sr., in *Organizing And Advising Illinois Businesses*, Illinois Institute Of Continuing Legal Education (2013) and (2017)
- “State Regulation Of Securities,” with Edward X. Clinton, Sr., in *Organizing and Advising Illinois Businesses*, Illinois Institute Of Continuing Education (2013) and (2017)
- “Rule 803(6) The Business Exception To The Hearsay Rule” (2010), [www.martindale.com](http://www.martindale.com), [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com).
- “Hearsay: Statements By The Agent Of A Party Opponent” (2010), [www.martindale.com](http://www.martindale.com), [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com).
- “Discovering The Work Of An Opponent’s Consulting Expert,” in *Expert Witness Update: New Developments In Personal Injury Litigation*, Aspen Law & Business (2001)
- “Does Rule 41(d) Authorize An Award Of Attorney’s Fees?,” *St. John’s Law Review*, Volume 71, Number 71, Number 1, Winter 1997
- Committee On Pretrial Practice & Discovery. Volume VII, Numbers 2, 3, 4, 6. American Bar Association, Section Of Litigation, 1996 and 1997
- Do Businesses Have Standing To Sue Under State Consumer Fraud Statutes?” *20 Southern Illinois University Law Review* 395 (1996)

- “Business Standing Under The Consumer Fraud Act: An Attempt To Resolve The Confusion,” Northern Illinois University Law Review, Volume 17, Number 1, Fall 1996
- “Does The Consumer Fraud Act Require Proof Of Reliance,” Loyola Consumer Law Reporter, Volume 8, Number 3, 1996
- The Business Records Exception to the Hearsay Rule; Committee On Trial Evidence. Volume V; Number 1. American Bar Association, Section Of Litigation, 1996
- “Defending Banks Against Consumer Fraud Claims,” The Banking Law Journal, October 1996
- “Discovering The Work Of Your Opponent’s Consulting Expert,” Pretrial Practice & Discovery Committee, March 1996
- “Recent Decisions Under The Illinois Consumer Fraud And Deceptive Business Practices Act,” DePaul Business Law Journal, Volume 7, Number 2, Spring/Summer 1995
- “Move For Rule 37(c)(1) Sanctions In Select Circumstances,” Federal Discovery News, Volume 1, Issue 8, July 1995
- “The Rights Of Policyholders In An Insurance Demutualization,” 41 Drake Law Review 657 (1993)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Facing Bar Complaints, Protecting Your Practice and Your License, May 16, 2025 (Mylawcle.com)
- Avoiding Legal Malpractice In Family Law Matters, September 29, 2014 (Chicago Bar Association).
- Avoiding Legal Malpractice in Family Law Matters, May 24, 2024 (My Law CLE)
- Avoiding Legal Malpractice Claims In Litigation, November 3, 2023 (Lawline)
- Avoiding Legal Malpractice Claims in Litigation, expected July 1, 2025 (Lawline)
- Managing Liability Through Contract Provisions, March 21, 2014 (IICLE)
- The Ethics of Social Media for Lawyers, June 2015 Law Bulletin Seminar (Chicago, Illinois).
- Legal Malpractice in Litigation (2017) (Chicago Bar Association – September 2017)
- Common Mistakes 101 – Avoiding Legal Malpractice (10/31/2018) (ABA Webinar).
- Introduction to the Practice of Corporate Law, July 19, 2022 (TRT-CLE)
- Collection Practices for lawyers,

## **APPELLATE CASES**

Daniels v. Beamon, 2012 IL App (1st) 110541

Donahue v. North American Jet, 09-142 (1st Dist. 2009)

Randy Brown v. Universal Realty Group, 2014 IL App (1st) 140241-U

Jonathan Phillips v. DePaul University College of Law, 2014 IL App (1st) 122817

Rachelle Evans v. Illinois Institute of Technology, 2014 IL App (1st) 123611-U

Jorie Johnson v. John Marshall Law School, 2014 IL App (1st) 123610-U

Nizamuddin v. Community Education in Excellence, Inc., 2013 IL App (2d) 131230

McAndrew v. Cantwell, 15-0126 IL App 1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 2015.

Baugh Dalton v. Brown, 2016 Ill. App. 1<sup>st</sup> 152603-U

Swift v. Medicate Pharmacy, 2016 Ill. App 1<sup>st</sup> 152786-U

First American Bank v. Goodson, 16-1122 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2017)

Dobbs v. Dupuy Orthopaedics, No. 16-2135 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2017)

Jaskula v. Dybka, 2017 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 160014-U

Shutack v. Sidley Austin, LLP, 2017 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 160747-U

Hudson v. Tibble, 2018 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 162469

Bennett v. GlaxoSmithKline, LLC 2020 IL App (4<sup>th</sup>) 180281

## **ADMISSIONS**

- U.S. District Court For The Northern District Of Illinois, 1991
- U.S. District Court For the Central District Of Illinois, 1991
- U.S. Court Of Appeals For The Seventh Circuit, 1991
- Northern District Of Illinois, Trial Bar, 1991
- United States Supreme Court, 1995

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member, American Bar Association Section Of Litigation, Trial Practice, Pretrial Practice, Commercial Litigation Committees
- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Member, Illinois Bar Association
- Member, Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Member, Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers

### **CIVIC MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member, Board of Directors, Saint Ignatius Rowing Club (2016-2020), President (2019-2020)
- Member, Economic Club Of Chicago
- Member, Lay Advisory Board of The Little Sisters Of The Poor (2008-)
- Former Member, Development Committee, Frances Xavier Warde School
- Member, Evanston Golf Club
- Member, Chicago Club
- Member, Union League Club

### **BLOGS**

- [clintonlawfirm.blogspot.com](http://clintonlawfirm.blogspot.com)
- [www.Chicagolegalmalpracticelawyerblog.com](http://www.Chicagolegalmalpracticelawyerblog.com)
- [www.fedcivilprocedure.com](http://www.fedcivilprocedure.com)
- [Legalethicslawyer.blog](http://Legalethicslawyer.blog)

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