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Sean concentrates his practice in defending product liability, construction negligence and other tort cases involving wrongful death and serious personal injury. During his 30 years of practice, Sean has had the privilege of representing utilities, industrial plant operators, petroleum refiners, gas liquids producers, manufacturers, railroads, and similar companies where a hard hat is a required accessory.

Sean has extensive experience defending catastrophic fire and explosion cases involving multiple defendants, complex issues of causation, liability and insurance coverage, and the potential for extreme jury verdicts. He regularly appears in federal and state courts throughout the country on behalf of clients facing the worst case scenarios.

Sean provides his clients the bedrock skills needed to protect their rights at trial and on appeal — writing clearly, arguing forcefully, and making complicated issues easy to understand. He offers the judgment necessary to navigate the often twisting path to successful defense of major multi-defendant cases.

Sean respects the trust his clients place in him, and welcomes the responsibility of being their advocate. He has handled many sophisticated business lawsuits, but his greatest satisfaction comes from those catastrophic cases where emotion and sympathy make it most difficult for a company to receive a fair trial. It is those cases, where the challenges are the most daunting, that offer the greatest reward. Sean has been named a Leading Lawyer in Illinois from 2019 through 2022, an honor earned by less than 5% of Illinois attorneys.

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., with honors, 1985

Eastern Illinois University, B.A. with honors, 1982

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 1985

COURT MEMBERSHIPS

U.S. Supreme Court

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Member, Trial Bar)

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

“Forensic Chemistry at Trial: Refuting Claims of Diesel Fuel Contamination at a Complex Industrial Site,”
21st Annual Railroad Environmental Conference, Champaign, IL, 2019

“Who’s In Control? Why the Defense Bar Should Challenge the IPI Instructions on Construction
Negligence,” *IDC Quarterly*

“Recent Trends in the Implied Duty of Good Faith,” *Commercial Lending Review*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Defense Research Institute

Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

Propane Gas Defense Association (Board of Directors)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chicago Challenge (Board of Directors, 1997-2000)

Youth Soccer Coach

