

Attorney with twenty years of experience representing businesses and individuals in complex commercial disputes in state and federal courts in Illinois and throughout the country. Acted as lead trial counsel in jury trials and arbitrations. Conducted numerous depositions. Argued appeals, dispositive motions, and discovery matters. Managed litigation teams of varying sizes. Served as arbitrator in commercial cases pending in Law Division of Circuit Court of Cook County. Planned continuing legal education programs for Chicago Bar Association.

EXPERIENCE

Hansen Reynolds LLC, Chicago, Illinois **Managing Partner (Chicago Office)**

February 2014-Present

Established and managed Chicago outpost for Wisconsin-based litigation boutique. Managed complex commercial litigation matters of various types and sizes in federal and state courts throughout country, including supervision of teams of associates and paralegals.

- Served as lead counsel in successful defense of a managing general agent in a million dollar arbitration filed by its former President. The case involved complex business valuation issues, as well as breaches of post-employment covenants. The team achieved a complete defense victory (including an award of attorneys' fees) after a four-day trial.
- Served as lead counsel in successful defense of national manufacturing company against age discrimination claim in the Southern District of Illinois. Secured summary judgment in client's favor, which was affirmed by U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. *Schmitt v. Central Processing Corp. et al.*, 675 Fed. Appx. 615 (2016).
- Served as second chair during patent infringement jury trial in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware with responsibility for presentation of client's damages case.
- Served as lead counsel for plaintiff in jury trial of prisoner's civil rights claim in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

Scandaglia & Ryan, Chicago, IL **Partner and Associate**

April 2001-February 2014

Helped to establish Chicago litigation boutique comprised primarily of former Jenner & Block attorneys. Managed significant litigation matters as both partner and senior associate.

- Recognized by *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* in 2009 as one of "40 Under Forty Illinois Attorneys to Watch"
- Defended international oil company in mass tort litigation brought by 69 plaintiffs in Circuit Court of Henderson County, Illinois. Obtained favorable settlement during pendency of several summary judgment motions aimed at narrowing plaintiffs' case.
- Served as lead counsel for publicly-traded private equity firm in \$400,000 tortious interference with contract claim brought by former executive of portfolio company. Secured summary judgment in client's favor, which was affirmed by U.S. Court of Appeals for Seventh Circuit. *Nation v. American Capital*, 682 F.3d 648 (7th Cir. 2012).
- Served as lead counsel for Fortune 100 pharmaceutical company in breach of contract action and secured two summary judgment rulings limiting damages claim. Rulings affirmed by Seventh Circuit. *Nycomed US v. Abbott Labs.*, 542 F.3d 1129 (7th Cir. 2008).

- Litigated patent disputes in the Northern District of Illinois and Southern District of Indiana on behalf of manufacturing clients.

Jenner & Block, Chicago, IL
Associate

October 1998-March 2001

Provided support on large litigation matters, including legal research and the drafting of pleadings, briefs and discovery. Worked on significant commercial litigation matters in a variety of subject areas, including patent, trademark, antitrust, employment and breach of contract.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
Law Clerk to the Hon. Kenneth F. Ripple

September 1997-September 1998

Assisted Judge with legal research, preparation for oral arguments, and drafting of opinions.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Arbitrator, Cook County Law Division (2015-Current): Appointed as arbitrator in seven commercial litigation matters pending in the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County pursuant to mandatory arbitration program launched in 2015.

Chair of Chicago Bar Association CLE Committee (2014-17): Chaired committee that managed CLE programming for CBA. Established and coordinated annual Trial Practice CLE that provides instruction in trial advocacy skills to young lawyers. Planned and managed the CBA's first CLE targeted toward in-house attorneys. Featured as instructor and speaker at various CLE programs. Participated in CBA Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program.

PUBLICATIONS

Direct/indirect dichotomy takes bias litigation backseat after Ortiz, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin (September 19, 2016)

No Fairy Tale: Banishing (Patent) Trolls From Your Business, ACC Docket (December 2013).

Employees Exceeding Authorized Access? Trends in Interpreting the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 30 Westlaw J. Computer & Internet 1 (2013).

The Continuing Saga of Civil Forfeiture, the "War on Drugs," and the Constitution, 91 Northwestern Univ. L. Rev. 374 (1996).

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law **1997**
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, Order of the Coif.
Coordinating Articles Editor, *Northwestern University Law Review*.

University of Notre Dame **1994**
Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, Program of Liberal Studies.