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Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1980

Cornell University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1977

Selected Among Illinois Top 10 Super Lawyers 2009

Managing Director of the ABA Litigation Section 2009-2010

Co-Chair of the ABA Litigation Section's Commercial and Business Litigation Committee 2005-2007

Founding Partner and Chairman of the Firm

Selected Among Illinois Top 100 Super Lawyers 2005-2010

Recommended by Peers for Leading Lawyers Network

Listed in *Chambers USA* 2010

Recommended by Peers for Best Lawyers in America



Bio • Cases • Publications • Seminars

Sanctions for E-Discovery Abuse

Law Bulletin 2010 Annual Conference (June 2010)
Moderator and panelist of program on e-discovery abuse and sanctions.

The Future of Civil Litigation

American Bar Association Section of Litigation Meeting (June 2010)

Panelist on program addressing problems with and recommendations for changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve civil justice system.

Rule 26(f) Meet and Confer Conferences

Law Bulletin 2008 Annual Conference (June 2008)
Moderator and panelist of program on e-discovery requirements of Rule 26(f).

Who Does the Work-Who Gets the Blame: Responsibility for E-Discovery Mistakes

American Bar Association Second Annual National Institute on E-Discovery (May 2008)

Moderator and panelist of program on sanctions and responsibilities of in-house and outside counsel and legal consultants.

E-Discovery in Practice: Effect of the Federal Rule Changes

American Bar Association Section of Litigation Teleconference (September 2007)

Moderator of conference on the effect of the changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on e-discovery in federal courts.

Comparing E-Discovery in the United States, Canada, the UK and Mexico

American Bar Association Annual Meeting (Summer 2007)
Presentation comparing e-discovery rules and cases in various North American countries.

Practical Advice for Practical Lawyers

American Bar Association Annual Meeting (Summer 2007)
Moderator of program on litigation tips and best practices.

Corporate Liability for Trade Secrets Theft by Employees

Law Seminars International (May 2007)

Program on caselaw and theories holding corporations responsible for trade secret misappropriation by their employees.

Amendments to the Federal Rules on Electronic Discovery

American Bar Association Litigation Section Annual Meeting (Spring 2006)

Chair and moderator of program on amendments to the federal rules on electronic discovery.

Electronic Discovery

Chicago Law & Technology Conference 2006 (February 2006)

Program on amendments to FRCP and other recent developments in electronic discovery.

Misappropriation by "Improper Means" Under the Trade Secrets Act

Law Seminar Institute (2004)

Presentation on espionage and improper means to acquire competitive information. Part of an all day seminar on trade secrets.

Electronic Document Preservation and Spoliation

Illinois CPA Society (Fall 2004)

Program on recent developments in electronic document preservation and sanctions for spoliation.

Bytes, Bits, and Bucks: Cost-Shifting and Sanctions in E-Discovery

American Bar Association Section of Litigation Annual Meeting (Spring 2004)

Chair and moderator of program on cost-shifting and other issues affecting electronic discovery.

Electronic Discovery: Cost Shifting and Other Issues

Chicago Bar Association Federal Trial Bar Class (2004)

Presented program on issues involving discovery of electronic evidence, including cost shifting standards.

Recent Developments in Trade Secret Law

Law Seminar Institute, Chicago (2003)

Presenting faculty addressing key issues on what qualifies as a trade secret, protecting trade secrets, and the inevitable disclosure doctrine.

Electronic Evidence

American Bar Association, Litigation Section (2003)

Co-chair and moderator of two programs on electronic evidence, including the recovery of deleted evidence and the admissibility and persuasive use of electronic evidence at trial.

The Internet Olympics

American Bar Association Litigation Section (2002 and 2001)

Panelist presenter at several ABA meetings on the use of the Internet to prepare and argue cases. Panels also addressed substantive issues arising out of employment restrictive covenants and franchise terminations.

Use of the Internet in Litigation

Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting (2000)

Panelist on presentation for FICC and at ABA Annual Meeting on the use of the Internet for factual and legal research.

Intellectual Property Litigation

American Bar Association Annual Meetings (1999 and 1998)

Panelist on intellectual property seminars with focus on litigation aspects of intellectual property.

Suing and Defending Banks: Theories and Tactics for the 1990s

American Bar Association Satellite Seminar, Washington, DC (1992)

Panelist on nationwide satellite seminar addressing banking litigation issues.