



Daniel J. McMahon

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Dan McMahon is chair of Wilson Elser. Overseeing Wilson Elser's Executive Committee, he is responsible for setting the firm's strategic vision, establishing and enforcing policy, and ensuring operational efficiency and effectiveness. A highly accomplished trial attorney and law firm executive, Dan built his practice and reputation in Illinois, and then nationally.

Dan's primary focus in legal matters is on complex commercial litigation, professional liability defense, ERISA litigation and insurance coverage cases. He has many reported decisions in these and related areas. Dan has tried cases in U.S. District Courts across the country and in the Illinois Circuit Courts of Cook, Kane, McHenry and DuPage Counties. He has argued numerous appeals before state and federal appellate courts. He also has represented clients in arbitrations concerning commercial and insurance coverage disputes in various jurisdictions

Dan has established an outstanding reputation with clients by achieving consistently excellent results while minimizing financial consequence. He understands his clients' overarching business philosophies and guides their matters to resolution in keeping with their litigation objectives.

Dan's ability to effectively communicate with clients, judges, juries and opposing counsel as well as Wilson Elser partners and staff, has earned him respect as a trusted member of the trial bar and a leader in the legal community.

Practice Focus

Dan has prosecuted or defended numerous lawsuits and arbitrations in a wide range of practice areas. He has extensive experience in complex commercial litigation involving breach of contract, tortious interference, trade secrets, insurance bad faith, fraud, ERISA, RICO and other business-related disputes.

Services

- Accountants
- Appellate
- Design Professionals
- Class Action
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Directors & Officers Liability
- e-Discovery
- Employment & Labor
- Germany
- Insurance Agents & Brokers
- Italy
- Lawyers' Liability
- Life, Health, Disability & ERISA
- Managed Care Litigation & Compliance
- Specialty Professional Risks

Dan has litigated matters relative to insurance coverage litigation involving a variety of policy types, including life, disability and health; director and officer liability; architect and engineer liability; miscellaneous professional liability; employment practices liability; and financial institution fidelity bond.

Dan's practice also includes the defense of lawyers, accountants, and directors and officers in professional liability matters. In addition, he has defended clients in product liability, personal injury and construction negligence claims.

Jurisdictions

Dan has represented clients in cases throughout Illinois, and in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin.

Education

- Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1989)
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1986)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association: Tort and Insurance Practice Section, Insurance Coverage

- National Trial Team
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability & Services
- Real Estate Professionals
- Securities Industry Professionals
- Canada

Litigation Committee, Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability

- Defense Research and Trial Lawyers Association (DRI): Life, Health, Disability & ERISA Committee; Professional Liability Committee; Fidelity & Surety Committee
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society

Awards & Honors

- Selected as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the Commercial Litigation area, 2018-2021
- Selected by Marquis Who's Who for the 2017 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award
- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale Hubbell
- Rated by Martindale-Hubbell as a Chicago Top Rated Lawyer, 2012
- Selected for inclusion in *Illinois Super Lawyers* in the General Litigation and Professional Liability Defense categories, *Chicago* magazine, 2005-2013
- Selected for inclusion in Illinois Leading Lawyers Network in the Commercial Litigation, Insurance and Professional Malpractice Defense categories (named in top 5 percent of Illinois attorneys in each category), Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2006-2012
- Named to "Irish Legal 100," *Irish Voice* newspaper, 2011-2012
- Trial Lawyer Excellence Award for "Outstanding Defense Verdict in an Attorney Malpractice Case," *Jury Verdict Reporter*, 2010
- Selected for Res Loquitor Corporation Select List of Defense Counsel
- Listed in *Who's Who in American Law*, 14th edition