



Peter G. Skiko

Of Counsel

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Pete Skiko is an experienced trial lawyer who has handled complex litigation and trial work on both sides of the aisle over his more than 30-year legal career. While his recent and current focus is on contract security-related litigation, Pete has handled all aspects of litigation involving construction, fire/explosion and other catastrophic loss, premises liability, employment and insurance coverage–related matters.

Notably, Pete has tried seven- and eight-figure demand cases to verdict, including those involving contract security matters.

Education

- John Marshall University (Atlanta) (LL.M. Labor and Employment, 2014)
- Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1992)
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1989)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- ASIS International

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- National Trial Team

- Illinois Security Professionals Association (ISPA)
- Chicago Bar Foundation

Awards & Honors

- Illinois Super Lawyers®, 2012–2022
- Chicago Magazine, Top Attorneys in Illinois, 2016
- Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Highest Settlement Award, 2014 (\$61 million)

Representative Matters

Obtained \$61 million after four years of litigation in the first chair prosecution of \$200 million demand trade secret litigation involving theft of computer software trade secrets in Illinois state court.

Obtained defense verdict in first chair defense of \$16 million demand commercial fraud trial between computer component manufacturers in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

Reached very favorable settlement terms just prior to jury's (defense) verdict in first chair defense of a \$20 million demand 2016 retrial of a \$22 million verdict against a national food producer related to a truck accident that killed three teenage girls in Lake County, Indiana.

Obtained defense verdict in first chair defense of \$7 million demand wrongful death trial in Illinois state court.

Obtained defense verdict in first chair defense of \$2.2 million demand contract security premises liability case in Illinois state court.