



## Rebecca M. Rothmann

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Rebecca Rothmann, deputy regional managing partner of Wilson Elser's Chicago office, has built a diverse civil litigation practice focused on professional liability defense and complex commercial matters. She has trial experience in the federal court for the Northern District of Illinois and in state court in Cook County, IL.

In the professional liability area, Rebecca is cochair of the firm's Specialty Professional Risks Practice Team. She primarily represents accountants and attorneys in defending malpractice claims involving a wide range of issues. In addition, Rebecca defends insurers and their agents and brokers in litigation and arbitrations involving a variety of claims, including ERISA, life and health insurance coverage disputes and those arising out of the sale of investment products. She has a growing practice representing property management companies, officers and directors, newspapers and other specialty professions.

Rebecca also has handled complex commercial litigation, employment disputes, employee dishonesty, and numerous other tort and statutory-based claims over the course of her career.

### Professional Liability

Rebecca concentrates her practice in the defense of professional clients, including attorneys, accountants and insurance brokers. With an emphasis on legal malpractice, she has defended lawsuits against attorneys arising in a range of areas, including complex commercial transactions, real estate, probate and estate planning, divorce, personal injury, securities and patent/trademark law. Rebecca has represented attorney clients in disciplinary proceedings and is a frequent lecturer on issues related to risk management and lawyers professional liability.

### Commercial Litigation

### Services

- Accountants
- Cannabis Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Directors & Officers Liability
- Employment & Labor
- Fair Housing & Discrimination Claims
- Insurance Agents & Brokers
- Lawyers' Liability
- Life, Health, Disability & ERISA
- Managed Care Litigation & Compliance
- Securities Industry Professionals
- Securities

During her career, Rebecca has defended a wide range of contract, statutory and tort-based claims on behalf of corporate clients and their directors and officers. She also has represented owners and employers in claims arising from non-competition, non-solicitation and non-disclosure agreements. In her commercial litigation practice, Rebecca has represented clients in arbitration proceedings before the American Arbitration Association and defended adversary cases in bankruptcy court.

## **Education**

- Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 1996)
- University of Wisconsin–Madison (B.A., 1993)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Illinois

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh 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 Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

## **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association, Section on Tort and Insurance Practice
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Defense Research and Trial Lawyers Association (DRI), Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Committee

## **Awards & Honors**

- Selected for inclusion in Illinois *Super Lawyers* for Professional Liability Defense, 2012, 2014-2015, 2017, 2018
- Selected for inclusion in Illinois *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, 2008-2011, 2016