

Thomas J. Hayes

Of Counsel

thomas.hayes@wilsonelser.com

Chicago, IL – 312.821.6474

Thomas J. Hayes handles a wide variety of complex litigation matters for individuals and business entities of all sizes, ranging from Fortune 100 companies to family-owned businesses. He has litigated numerous cases involving shareholder disputes, business torts, real estate litigation, probate and estate litigation, product liability, personal injury, construction disputes, and injunctions. Additionally, Thomas routinely defends nationwide and state consumer class claims arising under consumer protection statutes, including the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), and the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). He has taken more than 14 cases to verdict and has participated in numerous mediations and arbitrations.

Education

- DePaul College of Law (J.D., 2003)
- Marquette University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1998)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Class Action
- Transportation

Awards & Honors

Illinois Super Lawyers: Rising Star, 2016

Representative Matters

Product Liability Litigation

Defended publicly traded company in 23 class actions in federal and state courts against product liability and consumer fraud claims arising from a recall of wooden toys.

Transportation

Represented major trucking company in litigation across the United States.

Class Action

Defended numerous clients in class actions alleging violations of the TCPA by either sending unsolicited text messages and prerecorded phone calls to cellphones or by making phone calls to people registered on the national do-not-call list.

Represented the City of Chicago in class action litigation arising under Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) amendments to FCRA alleging defendants violated FCRA by printing more than the last five digits of credit or debit card numbers or card expiration dates on electronically printed receipts.