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Welcome

I am a commercial litigation attorney, with twenty-nine years of trial and appellate court experience and success. My clients hail from the Chicago area and from across the country. I typically counsel and represent individual entrepreneurs and small to medium size businesses, and I devote considerable attention to the representation of franchisees, dealers and distributors. Every commercial, franchise and distribution case presents unique challenges, and I approach each with commitment, integrity and a focused effort on achieving the client's desired goals.

More often than not, my clients come to me when they are locked in a David versus Goliath battle for survival. To succeed in these cases requires skill and experience. I have a deep understanding of the law as it applies to individual client situations and a passion for going up against "the big guys". I take pride in my ability to provide creative and sensible counsel to my clients, to set realistic and achievable goals and to aggressively pursue those goals in a court of law.

Recent Successes

Two recent decisions reflect the great success my team and I are able to achieve for our clients. In *Minnesota Supply Company v The Raymond Corporation*, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit affirmed a jury verdict of more than 12.8 million dollars, plus attorneys' fees, we won for our client, a Minnesota lift truck dealer that had been wrongfully terminated. In *Girl Scouts of Manitou Council v Girl Scouts of the USA*, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ordered the extraordinary remedy of preliminarily enjoining the national Girl Scouts organization from interfering with or removing any of the territory or jurisdiction of our client, the local Girl Scout council in southeastern Wisconsin.

Typical of the matters we handle, both of these cases broke new ground for dealer and franchisee rights. The *Girl Scout* case is the first appellate decision in the nation to apply a state's franchise or dealership statute to nonprofits.

Recognitions and Acknowledgements

For several years running, I have been named an Illinois "Super Lawyer"

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and an Illinois "Leading Lawyer". *Franchise Times Magazine* has designated me a "Legal Eagle," and I have been named in *Who's Who Legal*, the International Who's Who of Business Lawyers published by the International Bar Association. I am honored and flattered to have attained acknowledgment by these prominent publications.

About this Site

I encourage you to browse this site for a complete review of my commercial litigation services. Should you have a particular legal issue or feel you may have a potential case please consider contacting me to discuss the matter.



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