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PROFILE

Versatile business litigator and advisor with a track record of effective dispute resolution. Practice emphasizes complex financial and accounting issues, merger and acquisition disputes, fiduciary duty matters, corporate governance and business contracts. Pragmatic problem-solver, focused on business results.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH LLP, Chicago, IL 2007 – 2016
Partner, Commercial Litigation Group

MAYER BROWN LLP, Chicago, IL 1991 – 2007
Partner, 1997-2007; Associate 1991-1996

- Broad-based complex commercial litigation practice in state and federal courts for clients ranging from international accounting firms, financial institutions, and Fortune 100 companies to small businesses, individual entrepreneurs and investment managers.
- Subject matter emphasis on federal securities litigation, accountants' defense, contested mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, fiduciary duty matters, bankruptcy litigation, contract disputes and business frauds.
- Practice also includes appeals, investigations, arbitration, mediation, litigation avoidance, compliance and risk counseling.
- Industry experience includes accounting and auditing, commercial real estate investment and development, wind energy development, integrated circuits, private equity, and investment management.
- Regularly supervised litigation teams, coordinate with transactional counsel, retain and manage outside expert witnesses and other supporting professionals.
- Experienced in e-discovery issues and computer forensics.

CITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF LAW 1988 – 1991
Assistant Corporation Counsel, Commercial and Policy Litigation Division.

- Significant matters included injunction actions, TIF finance, public contracts, minority set-asides, first amendment, land use and zoning, telecommunications regulation.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Peer-selected since 2013 as an Illinois Leading Lawyer in Commercial Litigation and Civil Appellate Law.
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America.

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D. cum laude	1987
GRINNELL COLLEGE, A.B. with honors, general science (pre-med) and philosophy	1983

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS [SELECTED]

- International Comparative Guide to Litigation & Dispute Resolution (8th Ed.), Ch. 40, USA-Illinois, *Global Legal Group* (2015).
- Faculty, Expert Skills Workshop, *American Inst. of Certified Public Accountants* (Chicago, IL 2012; Washington, DC 2014).
- Absolute Privilege Recognized for Auditors Who Act as Required by Law, *Accounting Today* (Aug 2013).
- Being Prepared for Litigation: Top 10 Things To Do When The Complaint Arrives, *Association of Corporate Counsel, Chicago Chapter* (June 2011), *San Francisco Bay Area Chapter* (Dec 2010) (panel).
- "Clawbacks" in the Aftermath of an Investment Fraud, *MFA Reporter* (April 2009).
- Communicating with the Company's Auditors in a Securities Investigation, *Securities Investigations: Internal, Civil and Criminal, Ch. 8* (Practicing Law Institute 2008).

CIVIC ACTIVITIES [SELECTED]

- Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago: Director, Executive Committee, Benefit Chair (2013 to present).
- North Shore School District 112: Finance and Facilities Advisory Committee, Architects' Advisory Committee, and related (2012 to 2016).
- Redmoon Theater: Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Committee (1995-2006).

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Illinois.
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Northern District of Illinois (trial bar), Central District of Illinois, Eastern District of Wisconsin.