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Al Schumacher connects with people, whether jurors or clients. He understands what is important to them and has the ability to learn and then explain complex circumstances in ways that educate and ultimately influence. These skills have led to his trial attorney success.

Al's practice involves such varied topics as intricate surgical procedures, nuclear power plants, commercial vehicle operations, and computerized healthcare equipment. In the context of high stakes litigation, his ability to teach himself and then explain such complicated issues to others causes clients to return to him for years of representation. He accomplishes this efficiently and while maintaining excellent relationships with the judiciary, opposing counsel and clients. His reputation allows his clients to maximize results, often with reduced risk exposure.

Successful results come in many forms. While he frequently achieves the noteworthy jury verdict for his client, Al also provides value by ending litigation through early dismissal. With a quick demonstration of his client's high likelihood of winning, bolstered by his well-earned reputation in the legal community, his value as "your lawyer" becomes obvious when tested.

Excellent trial lawyer skills also service Al's clients by providing strategies to avoid litigation entirely, and to best position themselves if the courtroom becomes necessary. Speaking to client groups and at legal seminars, Al shares his insights about business operations, evidence generation, and retention and dispute resolution. When he represents his clients in litigation, they know their attorney will always be prepared, respected and persuasive.

Education

- University of Illinois, J.D. 1984
- University of Notre Dame, B.B.A. 1981

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
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Professional Experience

Professional Affiliations

- Society of Trial Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Defense Research Institute
- Speaking engagements to legal, insurance and healthcare organizations

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