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Brian Henry is a highly experienced trial attorney with an extensive number of successful trials on behalf of medical professionals, medical corporations and hospitals. Brian has spent his entire legal career at Pretzel & Stouffer. While he has handled a wide variety of civil litigation matters, the vast majority of the lawsuits he has defended have been on behalf of hospitals, medical corporations and medical professionals. Over the last 38 years, Brian has tried to verdict an average of four to five cases per year.

Brian has defended at trial pediatricians, neurologists, neurosurgeons, obstetricians, gynecologists, reproductive endocrinologists, emergency medicine physicians, pain medicine physicians, cardiologists, internists, urologists, radiologists, pathologists, plastic surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, family practice physicians, rheumatologists, pulmonologists, critical care physicians, psychiatrists, oncologists, cardiovascular surgeons, transplant surgeons, vascular surgeons, ophthalmologists, oral surgeons, resident physicians and nurses. He has had jury trials throughout several counties in Illinois, including Cook, McHenry, Lake, Kane, Will, DuPage, Grundy, and DeKalb counties.

A famous trial attorney, Clarence Darrow, was once quoted as saying:

“The only real lawyers are trial lawyers and trial lawyers try cases to juries.”

While Mr. Darrow’s statement is clearly overbroad, there is a difference between a trial lawyer and a litigator. Brian has distinguished himself as a premier trial attorney.

Brian’s illustrious career began at Loyola, where he earned multiple awards including the Paul S. Lietz Gold Key as the top student majoring in history, the Honors Program Gold Key as one of 2 students successfully completing the honors program, the Magna Cum Laude Silver Key, the History Department Silver Key and the Mellon Foundation Award for writing. Brian was chosen to be the first

President of the Loyola chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, a national honor society in the field of history. At the University of Illinois College of Law, he won the Rickert Award for Excellence in Legal Writing and was the Editor-in-Chief of the Recent Decisions Section of Illinois Bar Journal.

Brian has for many years taught trial techniques to other attorneys. He has been a faculty instructor on more than 20 occasions at the trial and deposition academies sponsored by the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel. He instructed on trial practice techniques as a faculty member at the 2001 Trial Academy of the International Association of Defense Counsel, which is considered to be the premier trial academy in the United States. Brian also lectures to numerous medical groups and annually teaches at a seminar for emergency medicine physicians at the University of Chicago.

In October of 2002, Brian was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the premier legal association in North America which seeks to identify those trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of professionalism.

Brian and his pediatrician wife reside in the northwest suburbs where they raised three children.

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D. 1980
- Loyola University Chicago, B.A. 1977

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois - Trial Bar

Professional Experience

Professional Affiliations

- American College of Trial Lawyers
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- International Association of Defense Counsel

Awards

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- American College of Trial Lawyers, 2002
- Trial Lawyer Excellence Award
- Jury Verdict Reporter, 2012

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