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Ed Ruff is a shareholder and a member of the firm's executive committee, which he has chaired on several occasions. He has tried more than 100 cases to verdict, in the areas of mass tort, product liability, commercial litigation, professional negligence, fire loss, bad faith, intellectual property, and other complex matters.

He has served as lead counsel in a number of multi-district litigation matters including Stand 'n Seal "Spray-On" Grout Sealer, Menu Foods, and Pedicle Screws, developing a reputation for handling matters on a national basis. His vast trial experience includes successfully defending the former president of the New York Stock Exchange at trial in a \$300 million commercial fraud claim. He recently won a \$9.5 million award for contempt in a bankruptcy court, believed to be a record.

Ed has written numerous publications and has lectured for the Illinois State Bar Association, DRI, FDCC and the Illinois Association of Defense Counsel. He is frequently asked to speak at DRI seminars, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* seminars and at the FDCC's annual and winter meetings. Ed speaks on a variety of topics related to product liability safety, fire and casualty, multidistrict litigation and jury trials. He has been an instructor for the FDCC Litigation Management College numerous times.

Ed is also a mechanical engineer with a background in heat transfer engineering. He remains active in team sports, enjoys fishing and bike riding with his wife.

Education

- DePaul University College of Law, J.D. 1981
- University of Wisconsin Madison, B.A. 1977

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Wisconsin
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the 4th 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
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado

Professional Experience

Recognition and Appointments

- Highest *Martindale-Hubbell* rating, AV
- Illinois Super Lawyers® 2005—2019
- Leading Lawyers 2014—2019
- Certified by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- DRI™
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
- Illinois Association of Defense & Trial Counsel
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers

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