



Jonathan L. Federman

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Jonathan Federman is a proficient legal writer and skilled litigator. As a former clerk in the Illinois Supreme Court, Jonathan knows what it takes to prevail at the trial and appellate levels. Jonathan understands that courts of law and public opinion value clarity and integrity in all facets of legal advocacy, and that is exactly what Jonathan provides on behalf of his clients.

Jonathan's practice includes representation of insurance company clients in disputes arising out of commercial general liability, professional liability, business auto, directors and officer and many other types of policies of insurance. Jonathan provides opinions to insurer clients faced with a potential claim as well as representing insurers engaged in declaratory judgment litigation. While Jonathan has proven that he is equipped to litigate and win the most hard-fought and complex coverage cases, he has also demonstrated an ability to find creative, alternative resolutions that are equally satisfying to his clients.

Jonathan's clerkship in the Illinois Supreme Court is the backbone of his appellate practice. The knowledge Jonathan obtained clerking for the Honorable Justice Thomas L. Kilbride is invaluable. With a perspective few appellate attorneys have, Jonathan understands what types of arguments and writing style courts of review find persuasive, and Jonathan uses that unique insight to further his clients' interests on appeal.

In addition, Jonathan has experience in representing clients in general litigation defense, including premises liability, negligence, contract disputes, commercial disputes, business torts, professional liability, and product liability. With great enthusiasm and a strong respect for the law, he enjoys the practice of law and the challenges that go with such practice.

Jonathan is a columnist for the Illinois Defense Counsel Quarterly. He also is an avid Chicago sports fan and enjoys giving back to the community through supporting Illinois Legal Aid Online as a Young Professional Board Member and mentoring law school students and new attorneys.

Education

- The John Marshall Law School, J.D. 2013, *summa cum laude*
- Illinois State University, B.S. 2006

Judicial Clerkship

- Justice Thomas L. Kilbride, Illinois Supreme Court

Bar Admissions

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

Professional Experience

Professional Affiliations

- Illinois Legal Aid Online Young Professional Board Member – Membership Chair 2017—18
- The John Marshall Law School Jobs Advisory Board Committee
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

Articles and Presentations

- "Claims Issues Potpourri," October 24, 2019, Donald Patrick Eckler, Paula Villela and Jonathan Federman.
- "Cross Examining an Expert Witness: Proper Preparation and Tips," IDC Quarterly, Vol. 29, No. 3, Jonathan L. Federman, and Paula Villela.
- "We Volunteered to What? Liability for Snow and Ice After Mickens v. CPS Chicago Parking, LLC," IDC Quarterly, Vol. 29, No. 3, Matthew F. Tibble, Jonathan L. Federman, and Donald Patrick Eckler.
- "The Saga Continues The Further Development of Claims and Insurance Coverage in Construction Defect Cases," IDC Quarterly, Vol. 28, No. 1, Donald Patrick Eckler and Jonathan Federman.

- Presenter, *A Day in the Life of a Cyber-Attack*, November 17, 2016
- Presenter, *Best Practices for Administrative Law Decisions and Recommendations*, August 25, 2017

Related News

- Federman Elected to Co-Chair Illinois Legal Aid Online Young Professional Board
- Pretzel Attorneys Complete Best's Insurance Law Digest for Illinois
- Pretzel Attorneys and Staff Participate in Race Judicata
- Jonathan Federman Speaks at Annual Sommer Foundation Reception
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Appointed Columnists for IDC Quarterly

Related Results

- Significant Victory for Insurers by Pretzel & Stouffer Before Illinois Supreme Court
- Wisconsin Motion for Judgment Victory Against Pro Se Plaintiff
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Obtain Substantial Modification of Judgment on Appeal for Insurer in Fifth District
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Obtain Two Summary Judgments in One Day for Insurers
- Pretzel & Stouffer Obtains Grant of Petition of Leave to Appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court