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Matthew Tibble handles a wide array of cases for business corporations, institutions, partnerships, firms, and individuals as well as insurance clients. While practicing at Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered, Matthew has had extensive experience on prosecuting and defending as well as trying cases, before both arbitrators, juries and judges, involving a wide range of claims. He also has extensive experience in post-trial practice, including appeals in both the state and federal courts.

Matthew focuses his practice on complex civil litigation involving claims ranging from employment practices to professional liability matters to complex commercial disputes. His practice also includes assessing risk and providing risk management as well as general business advice, including transactional and business succession planning work.

Regarding employment litigation, his experience includes the successful defense and prosecution of non-compete agreements and trade secret litigation. He also handles discrimination and retaliation claims in Illinois administrative agencies as well as the Illinois and federal courts, including claims based on allegations of race, sex, disability, pregnancy and sexual orientation discrimination. Matthew also defends business entities before the Illinois Department of Labor on wage and hour claims as well as lawsuits asserting violations of various civil rights statutes including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In his professional liability practice, Matthew represents accountants, attorneys, insurance producers, nursing homes, mortgage producers, real estate agents, licensed property and home inspectors, architects and other business entities and professionals in claims alleging negligence, breach of contract, defamation, breach of fiduciary duty, common law and statutory fraud and deceptive business practices. Matthew represents these professionals in Illinois and federal courts as well as various administrative and regulatory agencies.

His commercial litigation experience includes defending and prosecuting the breach of contract, breach of warranty and fraud claims as well as class action defense. He also defends and prosecutes claims against corporate directors and officers regarding breach of fiduciary and other corporate duties, including claims filed against condominium board members. Matthew has handled complex product warranty claims, shareholder derivative claims, bank regulatory and enforcement civil actions for his clients. Finally, Matthew is well versed both in successfully bringing and thwarting motions for temporary restraining orders as well as other aspects of emergency motion practice, including motions for a preliminary injunction.

He earned his undergraduate degree in Education from DePaul University. While an undergraduate, Matthew studied the development of the European Union legal system through The Institute of International and European Affairs in Leuven, Belgium.

After teaching for a few years, Matthew returned to school and earned his law degree, cum laude, from the DePaul University College of Law. While in law school, Matthew was selected to represent DePaul University for a course of legal study regarding European Law at the University of Dublin College Law School in Dublin, Ireland.

Education

- DePaul University College of Law, J.D. 2004
- DePaul University College of Education, B.A. 1999

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- 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

Professional Experience

Publications

- ["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.](#)

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