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## Matthew J. Egan

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Matthew J. Egan is an equity partner at Pretzel & Stouffer in Chicago. His practice is concentrated on the defense of legal malpractice, professional liability, employment practices, and complex civil litigation in state and federal courts and administrative agencies throughout Illinois. He also counsel clients on best practices to avoid legal malpractice and employment practices claims.

Matt received his law degree from Loyola University of Chicago and his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois. He also attended the University of Stirling, Scotland, for a year through the study abroad scholar program at the University of Illinois.

He is licensed to practice law in Illinois and is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the Trial Bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

Matt has extensive experience with legal malpractice and attorney disciplinary matters, as he served for more than 20 years as a member of the Inquiry Board and the Hearing Board of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC) of the Illinois Supreme Court and subsequently, as a Special Counsel to the ARDC.

Matt has tried more than 30 cases to verdict and has handled more than 50 appeals before state and federal courts of review in Illinois. His experience includes the successful defense of attorneys in litigation in the circuit courts throughout the State of Illinois and in numerous disciplinary proceedings before the ARDC. He has also successfully represented employers in numerous legal proceedings before the EEOC, OSHA, the NLRB, the Illinois Human Rights Commission, and the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

Matt was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2004 and has been recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer each year since 2005. In 2017, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Matt to serve on the Court's Committee on Jury Instructions – Civil, where he continues to serve.

In 2010, Matt was one of the initial recipients of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's Trial Lawyer Excellence recognition.

Matt is a member of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) and the Chicago Bar Association, where he has served on the Judicial Evaluation Committee. He also sponsors a scholarship for high-achieving Illinois high school students to attend his alma mater, the University of Illinois. His Martindale-Hubbell rating is AV.

## **Education**

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D.
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, B.A. in English
- University of Stirling (Scotland)

## **Bar Admissions**

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

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

## **Professional Experience**

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- DRI
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- Chicago Bar Association

### **Related News**

- Pretzel & Stouffer shareholders Robert Chemers, Matthew Egan, Edward Ruff, and Richard Waris named as Super Lawyers in Illinois for 2020
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Named as Leading Lawyers for 2019 by Leading Lawyers Advisory Board
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Recognized as Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- Matt Egan Reappointed to the Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases by the Illinois Supreme Court.

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- Victory in Employment Discrimination Case
- Appellate Court Victory – Case of First Impression
- Motion to Dismiss Granted in Legal Malpractice Action
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Prevail in Appellate Court Sustaining Dismissal for Accountant