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Robert Chemers has been schooled in the Firm's tradition of displaying a high degree of professionalism in all aspects of his practice. Robert is committed to working successfully as a member of a team when representing a client or its insureds. As part of that team philosophy, Robert has stressed excellent reporting and frequent telephone interaction with other team members. Robert strives to provide high-quality legal services in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

With a focus in insurance law and litigation, Robert counsels clients on the duty to defend, the duty to indemnify and numerous esoteric and complex issues of insurance coverage, as well as all aspects of claim handling and defense of bad faith claims. He has handled one or more declaratory judgment actions for clients in 70 of the 102 counties in Illinois as well as around the Midwest. He has appeared on a *pro hac vice* basis outside Illinois in more than 50 courts.

Robert has been an attorney of record in more than 900 appeals, almost 500 of which resulted in published precedential opinions, including more than 50 in the Supreme Court of Illinois. He is often hired for his known appellate experience by clients to handle appeals from motions or trials handled by other law firms, including assisting with the post-trial motion recognizing that the post-trial motion is the complaint on appeal. Over the years, he has been involved in appeals which have shaped the law in Illinois on topics including civil procedure, jury instructions, tort reform, statutes of limitations, privilege, policy rescission and the recent unconstitutional amendment to the Code of Civil Procedure mandating 6-person juries for trials in civil cases.

Robert began his career with the firm immediately following graduation from law school, and Robert has been schooled in the firm's tradition of displaying a high degree of professionalism in all aspects of his practice. Since 2015, he has been President of the firm and has frequently served on the Executive Committee.

Robert is a Fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel, and he has been honored as an Illinois Super Lawyer and one of the Best Lawyers in America for appeals or insurance coverage or both every year since those designations began. He writes and lectures frequently for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Education, DRI, IADC, American, Illinois State and Chicago Bar Associations, and National Business Institute on topics including civil procedure, appeals, insurance coverage including duty to defend, UM/UIM issues, additional insureds, declaratory judgment actions, and bad faith.

Education

- Indiana University School of Law, J.D. 1976, *cum laude*
- University of Southern California, B.A. 1973, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Indiana
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the 5th 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 Southern 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 Arizona

Professional Experience

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- DuPage County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Appellate Lawyers Association

Awards

- Illinois Super Lawyers—15 years
- Best Lawyers in America—every year since inception
- Illinois Leading Lawyers
- Fellow—American College of Coverage Attorneys

Related News

- Chemers interviewed by Randy Maniloff
- Pretzel & Stouffer shareholders Robert Chemers, Matthew Egan, Edward Ruff, and Richard Waris named as Super Lawyers in Illinois for 2020
- Best Lawyers Recognizes Robert Marc Chemers for Work in Insurance Law
- Pretzel Attorneys Complete Best's Insurance Law Digest for Illinois
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers

Related Results

- Robert Chemers and Dave Larson won in the Appellate Court of Illinois, Fourth District, when the Court affirmed the summary judgment entered in Sangamon County
- Robert Chemers and Dave Larson obtained a judgment for their insurer client in federal court
- Robert Chemers and David Larson won an affirmance in the Appellate Court, First District.
- Robert Chemers and Rich Burgland win a summary judgment for a professional liability insurer
- Robert Chemers and Matt Ligda obtained a dismissal with prejudice