



Scott L. Howie

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Scott Howie understands that appellate practice is considerably different from trial work, calling for a combination of unique skills and relevant experience. Scott's practice embodies that combination, and whether challenging an adverse result or protecting a hard-won victory, he brings his skills and experience to bear on every case.

For more than 20 years, Scott has focused almost entirely on post-trial motions and appeals. In hundreds of civil appeals, he has written more than 500 appellate briefs and delivered well over a hundred oral arguments, including several in the Illinois Supreme Court.

Scott is familiar with the rules and procedures that govern the appellate process, as well as the unwritten requirements that can make the difference between winning and losing. He is a skilled legal writer, with a distinctive and readable style that makes complicated arguments easy to understand—an important quality in any court, but crucial on appeal. His extensive experience at the appellate level makes him uniquely qualified not only to handle appeals, but also to consult on any matter that might eventually reach the reviewing courts. He is frequently involved at trial on issues that are expected to be the basis for an appeal.

Though based in Chicago, Scott regularly practices in appellate courts throughout Illinois—and has even been called on to participate in appeals in other jurisdictions, either appearing *pro hac vice* or

working behind the scenes to prepare written briefs.

Scott's appellate practice is enhanced by his participation in professional activities related to appeals. He is active as an officer in the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association, which coordinates speakers and seminars on appellate topics and promotes interactions with appellate judges and court officials. For many years he co-chaired the association's moot court committee, which holds an annual competition for law students.

Since 2013 Scott has been a regular contributor to the *IDC Quarterly*, the scholarly publication of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, for which he writes a column each issue on appellate practice.

Scott and his wife Julie have three children and live in Glenview, Illinois. Outside of work and professional activities, Scott is an active parishioner at St. David's Episcopal Church in Glenview and serves as the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 3 in Wilmette.

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D. 1994
- Northwestern University, B.S. 1989

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Professional Experience

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- "Motions in the Illinois Reviewing Courts," *IDC Quarterly*, Vol. 29, No. 3, Scott L. Howie.
- Regular column, "Appellate Practice Corner," *IDC Quarterly*, Spring 2013—present
- Seminar faculty, "Appellate Practice 101: The Nuts and Bolts," Pincus Professional Seminars (Chicago), May 2018
- Speaker, "Breaking Down the Appellate Brief," North Suburban Bar Association, October 2018

Professional Affiliations

- Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

Awards and Recognition

- Illinois Super Lawyer, 2006—2019 (Appellate)

Related News

- Scott Howie Invited to Become a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers
- Pretzel Attorneys and Staff Participate in Race Judicata
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Named as Leading Lawyers for 2019 by Leading Lawyers Advisory Board
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Appointed Columnists for IDC Quarterly

Related Results

- Robert Chemers and Scott Howie Secure Appellate Dismissal
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- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Obtain Consolidation from Illinois Supreme Court
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Sustain Summary Judgment on Appeal in Substantial Injury Case Involving Borrowed Employee
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Obtain Partial Summary Judgment for Public Hospital