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About Dawn

Dawn has extensive experience defending professionals operating in a range of industries, including legal medical, assisted living, nursing homes, long-term care, accounting, and real estate brokers and agents. She regularly represents clients in litigation involving professional liability, insurance coverage, products liability, construction disputes, and both personal and commercial liability claims. Her practice focuses on personal injury matters.

She has successfully tried numerous cases to verdict in state and federal courts and has obtained complete not guilty verdicts in every case she tried, including medical malpractice, personal injuries, and product liability cases.

Dawn is the partner in charge of Hinshaw's Belleville, Illinois, office, and chairs the Sexual and Unlawful Harassment Committee. She also serves on numerous other firm committees.

Dawn's Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Memorial Law Committee

Areas of Focus

Industries: Healthcare; Insurance

Services: Complex Tort & General Casualty; Consumer & Class Action Defense;
Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling; Litigation & Trial

Recognition

- *Leading Lawyers Network Magazine*, Top Ten Women Lawyers Downstate; Top 50 Women Downstate Lawyers; Featured Leading Lawyers Article on Dawn, Problem Solvers Award, Insurance/Insurance Coverage/Reinsurance Law; Medical Malpractice Defense; Personal Injury Defense: General; Products Liability
- *Leading Lawyers*, Insurance/Insurance Coverage/Reinsurance Law; Personal Injury Defense; General Professional Malpractice; Products Liability
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, Distinguished® Peer Review
- Saint Louis University School of Law, Who's Who Among American Law Students
- St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, National Register of Outstanding College Graduates; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities

Credentials

Education

Saint Louis University School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 1986

St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, BA, *summa cum laude*, 1983

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Missouri

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

Interests

Did you know...

Dawn enjoys marksmanship, outdoor adventures, and traveling the world.

Community/Civic Activities

- Dawn has volunteered and been active in multiple charities. She is most active with Unbound, a nonprofit organization serving the world's severely poor.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

Dawn has spoken before numerous groups on topics related to litigation. The subject matters of her presentations have included:

- "Loss of Chance: The Illinois Perspective," 2009
- "Illinois Civil Procedure: Local Court Practices," 2007
- "Defense Issues in Avoiding Breast and Reproductive Cancer Diagnoses Failures," 2006
- "Civil Defense Practices," 2006
- "Managing Litigation," 2006
- "Considerations in Third Party Actions," 2006
- "Responsive Pleadings," 2005
- "Spoliation of Evidence: Issues for the Defense," 2004
- "Pleading Issues in Tort Defense," 2002
- "Pleadings: A Practitioner's View," 2002
- "Settlement/Release Protection," 2002
- "Discovery and Investigation in Tort Actions," 2000
- "*Petrillo* Violations," 1998
- "Municipal Immunities," 1998
- "The Future of Tort Reform," 1997
- "Impact of Unconstitutionality of the Tort Reform Act," 1997
- "Significant Recent Decisions Impacting the Tort Immunity Act," 1997
- "Jury Instructions, Their Use and Effect, Under the Tort Reform Act," 1997
- "Major Provisions and Immunities in the Illinois Tort Immunity Act," 1996
- "Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, New Provisions, and the Impact Upon Claim Handling," 1996
- "Illinois Tort Reform Act, The Practical Effects," 1995
- "Illinois Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Provisions," 1995
- "Limitation of Actions in Medical Malpractice Claims," 1995
- "Your Deposition, Preparation and Examination: Defense of Company Procedures," 1994

Publications

Dawn is the former editor and contributing author of Hinshaw's *Medical Malpractice Newsletter*, a publication that is no longer active.

Healthcare Alerts

- Apparent Agency Judgment in Favor of Hospital Final, Feb 7, 2014
- New Prompt Settlement Payment Act Has Significant Implications for Illinois Malpractice Cases, Jan 9, 2014
- Implied Indemnity Claims in Medical Negligence Cases Governed by 735 ILCS 5/13-212(a), Feb 25, 2011
- Illinois Supreme Court Reverses Holding on Forfeited Setoff Claim in Thorton v. Garcini, May 26, 2010

Hinshaw Alert

- Illinois Supreme Court Declares Statutory Limits on the Recovery of Non-Economic Damages Unconstitutional, Feb 4, 2010

Hinshaw Newsletters

- Health Care Newsletter - Third Quarter, 2018 Edition, Sep 18, 2018
- Medical Litigation Newsletter - December 2016 Edition, Dec 21, 2016
- Medical Litigation Newsletter - October 2016 Edition, Oct 4, 2016
- Medical Litigation Newsletter - Spring 2016 Edition, Jun 2, 2016
- Medical Litigation Newsletter - April 2015 Edition, Apr 7, 2015

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