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About Josh

With a robust appeals practice, Josh has argued enough cases to have hundreds of published decisions. He has appeared in state supreme courts and in numerous state and federal appellate courts. He works in nearly all core areas of law, including commercial contract disputes, labor and employment, professional and products liability, insurance coverage, administrative review, and criminal justice.

Josh has overturned adverse appellate court decisions and multimillion-dollar verdicts, and upheld favorable trial court outcomes. His trial-level practice mirrors many of the substantive areas of his appellate practice. Likewise, he has won numerous jury trial verdicts in state and federal courts. Josh also prepares or defends posttrial motions.

Josh's Affiliations

- American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Fellow
- Illinois Access to Justice Commission, Appellate Forms Subcommittee, Chair
- Public Interest Law Initiative, Board of Directors; Programs Committee
- Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, CLE Advisory Group

Areas of Focus

Services: Appellate; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Prevailed before the Illinois Supreme Court in *Pielet v. Pielet*, where breach of contract and successor liability claims were held not preserved by the winding-up and limited survival provisions of the Illinois **Business Corporation Act.**
- Won a reversal in Folta v. Ferro Engineering, in which the Illinois Supreme Court held that a deceased employee's common law wrongful death claim was extinguished because his statutory occupational disease claim had become time-barred before the disease was discovered.
- Reversed the Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court in *Hubble v. Bi-State Dev. Agency of the Illinois-Missouri Metro.* Dist., where the Illinois Supreme Court held that a public transportation system formed by a federal interstate compact qualified as a local public entity and was protected by a shortened limitations period under the Local Governmental Tort Immunity Act.
- Obtained qualified immunity for police officers in Lund v. City of Rockford, where the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit held they were shielded from liability under §1983 in a case brought by a news reporter arrested during a police-run prostitution sting.
- Secured reversal in *Titan Tire Corp. v. United Steelworkers Int'l Union*, where the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit held that a collective bargaining agreement requiring employer-paid leave for union officials violated §302(c)(1) of the National Labor Relations Act and was unenforceable—creating a circuit split.
- Achieved appellate victory in Lewis v. McLean as court-appointed pro bono counsel, with the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit reversing the district court's summary judgment against an inmate's Eighth Amendment claim for delayed medical care.

Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Appellate Practice, 2013 2026; Lawyer of the Year, Appellate Practice, Chicago, 2025
- Illinois Super Lawyers, 2005 2025; Top 100 Super Lawyers, 2015 2016
- Crain's Chicago, Notable Litigator & Trial Attorney, 2023
- BTI Client Service All-Star MVP, 2013, 2016, 2020, 2022
- The American Lawyer, Best Mentor: Law Firm, 2018
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association, John Paul Stevens Pro Bono and Public Service Award, 2012
- Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Leading Lawyer, Civil Appellate Law

Credentials

Education

DePaul University College of Law, JD, 1983 University of Michigan, AB, 1980

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, including Trial Bar

Interests

Did you know...

Josh will play any sport that involves a racket or paddle and will ride any contraption with wheels and a motor.

He also likes to cook. A lot.

Community/Civic Activities

- Served as a fundraiser for a near north side (Chicago) battered women's shelter and collected Christmas gifts for the shelter's children
- Served as his neighborhood's spokesperson on issues of landmarking
- Theater Wit and Shattered Globe Theater, Financial Supporter
- South Chicago Art Center (SkyArt), Served as a "Secret Santa" for underprivileged children

Thought Leadership

Presentations

Josh regularly speaks at bar association seminars on appellate and trial law, attorney training, health law, and insurance coverage. His speaking engagements include:

• "The 'Secret Agent' – Updates on Apparent Agency Jurisprudence," Illinois Defense Counsel's Developments Critical to Medical Malpractice Litigation – Hybrid Seminar, Chicago, Illinois, August 15, 2024

- "Conflicts of Interest / Independent Counsel," Chicago Bar Association seminar, "Emerging Issues in Insurance Coverage," Chicago, Illinois
- American Bar Association National Conference on Professional Responsibility
- IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law Health Law Spring Symposium
- Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section insurance law seminars
- Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section appellate and trial techniques seminars
- Sedona Conference on Complex Managed Care Liability

Events

- Joshua Vincent and Jill Eckhaus to Present and Moderate at the Illinois Defense Counsel's Developments Critical to Medical Malpractice Litigation – Hybrid Seminar, Aug 15, 2024
- Hinshaw Hosts "JD Mentors Program" With Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, Jul 25, 2012

Hinshaw Alerts

- FAQs: Illinois Civil Procedure Amendment Imposes 6% Prejudgment Interest in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Actions, Jun 16, 2021
- Illinois Appellate Court Issues Significant Ruling Interpreting Changes to School Code Regarding Boundary Change Petitions, Apr 17, 2018

In The News

- A Blueprint for Law Firms: Jenelle E. La Chuisa Provides Insights Drawn from Hinshaw's Award-Winning Pro Bono Initiatives, Dec 18, 2024
- The Long Road to a New Home: The Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Program and Afghan & Iraqi Military Interpreters, Nov 11, 2021
- Hinshaw's Josh Vincent Discusses the Launch of Illinois Free Legal Answers for Civil Appeals, Aug 24, 2020
- Joshua G. Vincent Featured on Illinois Supreme Court Commission's Lawyer Spotlight, Jul 24, 2014

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America®* and *Ones to Watch™*, Aug 21, 2025
- Hinshaw Named to the 2025 Pro Bono Recognition Roster by the Public Interest Law Initiative, Jun 17, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Hinshaw Named to PILI 2023 Pro Bono Recognition Roster, Jun 23, 2023

Webinar

• Lessons in Leadership, Profiles in Courage, and Handling Adversity: A Conversation with Dan Schilling, Nov 19, 2020

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