

Hillary Weigle

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About Hillary

As a litigator, Hillary concentrates on defending industry leaders in construction, catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death, premises liability, design, and product liability matters. She represents businesses, executives, developers, real estate professionals, and contractors.

Hillary also manages general liability and insurance coverage disputes, provides counsel, negotiates settlements, and handles all aspects of arbitration and mediation for clients.

Hillary's Affiliations

- Chicago Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association
- Illinois Defense Counsel, Board of Directors, 2023 – 2024; Construction Law Committee, Chair, 2018 – present
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, Construction Law Committee, Vice Chair, 2018 – present
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Construction Law Committee, Social Engagement Vice Chair, 2021 – present

Areas of Focus

Industries: Construction; Professional Services; Real Estate; Transportation & Mobility

Services: Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling

Experience

- Secured a settlement for a subcontractor well under total policy limits in one of Illinois's most significant construction negligence actions with a demand of \$268 million.
- Represented a major road construction general contractor in multiple cases involving catastrophic fatal injuries. In one such case, the plaintiff demanded \$2.8 million, which settled significantly lower.
- Successfully represented a regional road construction subcontractor in an alleged negligent condition claim.
- Awarded summary judgment on behalf of a general contractor client in a construction negligence action.
- Successfully represented a third-party employer in a construction trial involving a quadriplegic plaintiff. The plaintiff repaid their employer and the employer's carrier a significant portion of their workers' compensation lien.
- Successfully defended a masonry contractor in a construction injury case.
- Successfully represented a trucking company at trial in a multiple fatality case. The jury verdict was appealed the First District awarded a new trial due to errors of the motion and trial judges.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a church for an alleged sex abuse case.
- Obtained summary judgment for a restaurant facing a food poisoning claim.
- Successfully defended a renowned road construction general contractor in a personal injury case.

Credentials

Education

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, JD, 2003

Miami University, BA, *summa cum laude*, 2000

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Central District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Languages

Japanese

Interests

Did you know...

Hillary's interests range from performing in the Chicago Bar Association's Bar Show, spending time with her two pugs, enjoying home improvement and design, traveling, and the guilty pleasure of watching *The Real Housewives*.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Panelist, "What's Going on with the Law?" 2023 DRI Construction Law Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 24, 2023
- Co-Presenter, "Artificial Intelligence in Construction Law," DRI and Illinois Defense Counsel, Webcast, February 16, 2021
- "Section 414 (Second) Restatement of Torts and Contractor Liability Post-Carney," Illinois Defense Counsel, Chicago, Illinois, 2018

Publications

- Co-Author, "The IDC Monograph: The Technology Revolution in the Construction Industry: The Rise of Artificial Intelligence," *IDC Quarterly*, Fourth Quarter 2019 and 2021
- Co-Author, "The IDC Monograph: COVID-19's Effect on Construction Law Practice," *IDC Quarterly*, Volume 31, Number 2, 2021

Event

- Hinshaw's Hillary Weigle to Speak at the 2023 DRI Construction Law Seminar, Jan 24, 2023

Press Releases

- Jill Eckhaus and Hillary Weigle Re-appointed to Illinois Defense Counsel Committee Leadership Roles, Jul 24, 2024
- Hillary Weigle Appointed to Serve on the Illinois Defense Counsel Board of Directors, Jun 6, 2023
- Veteran Construction Litigator Joins Hinshaw in Chicago, Oct 18, 2022