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About Catherine

As chair of Hinshaw's appellate practice, Catherine provides legal counsel and representation to clients throughout all stages of the trial and appellate process. She has a long history of handling appeals and presenting oral argument in state and federal courts throughout the country. Notable appellate wins include securing a rare supervisory order from the Illinois Supreme Court in *Rush Univ. Med. Ctr. v. McKenna*, No. 129502 (May 18, 2023), as well as appellate wins in *Ivey v. Transunion Rental Screening Solutions, Inc.*, 2022 IL 127903, *Yarbrough v. Northwestern Memorial Hospital*, 2017 IL 121367, and *United Fire & Cas. Co. v. Prate Roofing & Installations, LLC*, 7 F.4th 573 (7th Cir. 2021).

In addition, Catherine acts as a strategist and trial court consultant in complex cases, particularly those involving significant or novel legal issues, in practice areas such as medical and legal malpractice, commercial litigation, products liability, construction litigation, insurance coverage disputes, and premises liability claims.

Catherine's Affiliations

- American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Fellow
- Chicago Inn of Court
- Chicago Bar Association, Special Projects Coordinator, 2004 – 2007
- Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association, President, 2024 – 2025; Vice President, 2023 – 2024; Secretary, 2022 – 2023; Treasurer, 2021 – 2022; Board of Directors, 2013 – 2015
- Illinois Women's Bar Foundation, Board Member, 2008 – 2018; Vice President, 2010 – 2013
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Government

Services: Appellate; Complex Tort & General Casualty; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- *Choice v. Unifund*, 77 F.4th 636 (7th Cir. 2023)
- *Meier v. Ryan*, 2023 IL App (1st) 211674
- *Stevenson v. Wildmoeller & Hoelscher Corp.*, 39 F.4th 466 (7th Cir. 2022)
- *Nationwide Prop. & Cas. Co. v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co.*, 2022 IL App (1st) 210267
- *Bailey v. Mercy Hosp.*, 2020 IL App (1st) 182702
- *Okic v. Fullerton*, 2019 IL App (1st) 181074
- *Watson v. West Suburban Med. Ctr.*, 2018 IL App (1st) 162707
- *Bankers Life and Cas. Co. v. American Senior Benefits*, 2017 IL App (1st) 160687
- *Magnini v. Centegra Health Sys.*, 2015 IL App (1st) 133451

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Appellate Practice, 2023 – 2026; Commercial Litigation, 2024 – 2026; Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, 2025 – 2026
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2022 – 2025
- *Crain's Chicago Business*, Notable Gen X Leader in Law, 2019; Notable Women in Law, Honoree, 2022
- *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, Top 50 Women in Law, 2021
- *Leading Lawyer*, Civil Appellate Law

Credentials

Education

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, JD

University of Notre Dame, BA

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
US District Court for the Central District of Illinois
US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Interests

Did you know...

A native Nebraskan, Catherine enjoys traveling with her family and honing her skills as a baker and as a gardener. In sports, she will shamelessly root for the Milwaukee Brewers and her alma mater, Notre Dame.

Community/Civic Activities

- University of Notre Dame Alumni Association

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Opening Remarks, “Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court Roundtable,” Appellate Lawyers Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 14, 2025
- Opening Remarks, “Justices of the Illinois Appellate Court, Second District Roundtable,” Appellate Lawyers Association, Elgin, Illinois, March 4, 2025
- Moderator, “United States Supreme Court Year In Review,” Appellate Lawyers Association (ALA), Virtual Seminar, September 26, 2024
- “‘American Pie’ by Don McLean: Hinshaw’s Annual Supreme Court BBQ,” Hinshaw University, CLE Webinar, July 11, 2024
- “Preserving the Trial Record for Appeal in Illinois Civil Cases,” Pincus Professional Education, Virtual Event, July 2023
- “Prejudgment Interest is Here to Stay – Maybe. Probably. But.,” Chicagoland Healthcare Risk Management Society, Virtual Event, November 2021

Events

- ALA President Catherine Weiler Delivers Opening Remarks at the 2025 Justices of Illinois Supreme Court Roundtable Event, Apr 14, 2025
- Catherine Basque Weiler to Moderate Virtual Seminar “United States Supreme Court Year In Review”, Sep 26, 2024

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- Catherine Basque Weiler Elected President of the Appellate Lawyers Association, Jun 12, 2024
- Hinshaw Partner Catherine Basque Weiler Elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Mar 11, 2024