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About Steve

For more than three decades, Steve has concentrated on litigation involving commercial transportation, product liability, construction and premises accidents, third-party liability for criminal attacks, and wrongful death. He tries cases to verdict, handles binding and non-binding arbitrations and mediations, and litigates in state and federal courts.

Steve defends commercial transportation companies such as taxicabs, limousines, school buses, medical transport, ambulances, railways, and trucking firms. His clients have included Yellow Cab, Checker Taxi, Wolley, Blue Diamond, Flash, Chicago Carriage Cab, Blue Cab, and Village Cab.

Steve's Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- National Fire Protection Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Transportation & Mobility

Services: Complex Tort & General Casualty

Experience

- Petitioned successfully for an interlocutory appeal of the denial of a defendant subcontractor's motion to dismiss based on a certified question challenging the decades-old holding in *Minton v. Richards Group of Chicago*.
- Defended a legal malpractice case that arose from a plaintiff's \$2 million investment in a partnership to build a surgical center and medical office building.

Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell, BV® Peer Review Rating
- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, *UIC Law Review* (formerly *John Marshall Law Review*), Executive Editor

Credentials

Education

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (formerly The John Marshall Law School), JD, *with honors*, 1992
Alfred University, BA, 1989

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Interests

Did you know...

Steve is a member of the United States Ski Association and the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC), where he is the race director for the Midwest's largest Alpine ski racing league.

Community/Civic Activities

- Junior Achievement

Thought Leadership

Presentations

Steve has written articles and given presentations on a variety of topics, both within Hinshaw and in CLE programs, with particular emphasis on issues that arise in commercial transportation litigation. His presentations include “Analysis of Illinois Case Law on Agency in the Taxi Cab Context,” which he has presented to a number of transportation industry clients.

Publications

His publications include:

- Co-Author, “Recent Developments in Animal Tort and Insurance Law,” *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*,
American Bar Association, Winter 2011
- Co-Author, “Has the Illinois Structural Work Act Been Preempted by O.S.H.A.?” Fall 1993 IDC Seminar, Galena, Illinois, 1993
- Co-Author, “The IDC Monograph: Third Party Practice Following *Kotecki*,” *IDC Quarterly*, Vol. 2, #2, 1992
- “Privity, Products Liability and U.C.C. Warranties: A Retrospect of and Prospects for Illinois Commercial Code Section 2 318,” *UIC Law Review* (formerly *John Marshall Law Review*), Fall 1991
- “*Smith v. Eli Lilly*: Illinois’ Rejection of Market Share Liability is Cause to Celebrate,” *UIC Law Review* (formerly *John Marshall Law Review*), Summer 1991