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About Al

Al has devoted his three decades of practice to representing insurers and reinsurers – domestic and foreign – in complex litigation and arbitration proceedings. Al has handled high-exposure coverage cases involving premises liability and property damage, products liability, Section 1983 civil rights violations, errors and omissions, construction defects, transportation, environmental pollution, asbestos/toxic torts, advertising liability, personal injury, and more.

His experience spans industries, including oil, petrochemical, construction, electrical, aerospace, automotive, pharmaceutical, primary metal, paper, and medical devices. Insurers and reinsurers alike benefit from his counsel on a variety of issues such as coverage determinations, claim valuation and forecasting, reserving practices, and policy drafting.

In addition to his work for insurers, Al has represented clients in a wide variety of complex litigation, including securities fraud, lender liability, trademark infringement and unfair competition, shareholder disputes, product liability, personal injury, and wrongful death suits.

Al practiced previously at a firm where he was one of four founding shareholders, served on the board of directors, and was corporate secretary. While there, he also acted as lead counsel on numerous insurance coverage and extracontractual liability litigation and arbitrations. At Hinshaw, he continues to handle a variety of insurance coverage and bad faith cases.

Al graduated first in his law school class. Before embarking on his legal career, Al served seven years in law enforcement, including five years holding an elected public office as the head of his agency.

Areas of Focus

Industries: Aviation & Aerospace; Insurance; Reinsurance

Services: Bad Faith, Market Conduct & Extra-Contractual Liability; Complex Commercial Litigation; Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling; Litigation & Trial

Recognition

- University of Kentucky College of Law, Order of the Coif

Credentials

Education

University of Kentucky College of Law, JD, 1990

University of Kentucky, BA, 1987

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

US District Court for the District of Minnesota

Interests

Did you know...

Al owns a busy retail wine business located in the western suburbs of Chicago. Also, when he's not sailing Lake Michigan in a Hobie catamaran, Al enjoys being on the racetrack (as a driver/ instructor, not a spectator) at Porsche Club of America high-performance driving events.

Community/Civic Activities

- Porsche Club of America, Chicago Region, High Performance Racetrack Driving Instructor
- Geneva Food and Beverage Association, Former Board of Directors