

# Illinois

**Illinois does not disappoint with the ongoing amount of impressive litigation. Chicago remains an epicenter for trials in the Midwest, and handles cases often extending to competitors in New York. Local firms mention the upswing of antitrust, insurance, product liability, intellectual property and the “internationalization” of cases that extend overseas.**

## Highly recommended firms

Law firm **Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott** continues to bring in big victories for its clients despite the overall size of the firm. The firm handles complex commercial litigation and regularly refers to themselves as “trial lawyers,” rather than litigators, and look at the entire trial process. One recent win for the firm involves a five-week jury trial in Chicago with more than 70 witnesses for the client, Federal Signal. While Google recently replaced the firm with another, the client list remains strong with Covidien, NL Industries and Static Control Components.

**Fred Bartlit’s** litigation strength is well known throughout the state, as he frequently receives peer praise. His recent work with client Covidien regarding a patent infringement suit won a “non-infringement jury verdict after five-week trial” against the company Applied Medical. The original lawsuit sought \$300 million in damages. Bartlit also specializes in white-collar, securities and election law litigation. Even though Google replaced him for another firm, **Philip Beck** continues to be one of the best trial lawyers in the country as noted by peers and competitors. He recently headed the trial team for Federal Signal resulting in a win for the client. The jury returned with a verdict after only two hours. **Chris Lind** has extensive litigation experience handling cases in several practice areas. Recent clients for Lind include Ernst & Young and United Technologies’ Hamilton Sundstrand division, for which he successfully overturned a \$46.58 million claim in favor of his client.

**Howrey** includes three main areas of focus: antitrust, intellectual property and complex commercial litigation. The firm boasts that more than 90 percent of the more than 700 attorneys are dedicated to litigation. Howrey operates in a “one firm” mentality, regardless of its large domestic and international reach. The firm takes pride in the relationships with clients that sometimes span 50 years. Clients of the firm include Intel, Exxon Mobil, Caterpillar, Procter & Gamble and Union Pacific. The Chicago office handles cases involved in mass tort, class action, patents, financial services,

insurance issues and antitrust matters in several industries. The office also continues to grow with additions to the intellectual property and litigation groups, while various lawyers join the global practice.

Chicago partner **Matthew Neumeier** recently joined the firm from Jenner & Block. He serves as chair of the product liability and mass torts practice group and specializes in class action cases. Neumeier has handled cases involving claims-adjusting software, domain name disputes, trademark infringement and food packaging. **Jill Berkeley** co-chairs the insurance recovery practice. Clients often praise the insurance team for their depth of trial experience and ability to recognize big and small cases alike. She proudly notes that the firm regularly represents policy holders against insurance companies, rather than just the large companies themselves. Berkeley also has a strong background in trial since there are insurance possibilities for every type of litigation issue. Highly respected former Sidley Austin attorney **Scott Mendeloff** recently joined the firm as well. Wanting to be a part of the growing Chicago base, Mendeloff brings his strengths in white-collar litigation. **Kenneth Kliebard** focuses his complex litigation work on several areas including class action defense, product liability, consumer fraud, identity theft and computer and technology matters. Much of his time is spent defending clients in class actions and litigating product liability. **Scott Schutte** focuses his work on commercial litigation, primarily class action defense and insurance coverage. His insurance work led him to pursue cases for policy holders in several industries in the UK and Cayman Islands.

Peers consistently mention established Chicago firm **Jenner & Block** for the work of the litigation department. Practice areas include antitrust, class actions, entertainment, intellectual property and securities, among many others. Even though the firm recently downsized its partner base, it continues to pull in big cases. The firm recently took part in a \$550 million suit for a trustee of Sentinel Management Group against CPA firm McGladrey & Pullen. The case is still pending.

## Local litigation firms

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Mayer Brown

Sidley Austin

Winston & Strawn

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Schiff Hardin

Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

Stetler & Duffy

Wildman Harrold

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*-Sidley Austin*



## Local litigation stars

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Steven Bashwiner  
Katten Muchin Rosenman

Philip Beck  
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Jill Berkeley  
Howrey

David Bernick  
Kirkland & Ellis

Bruce Braun  
Winston & Strawn

Walter Carlson  
Sidley Austin

Vincent Connelly  
Mayer Brown

Jeffrey Colman  
Jenner & Block

James Daly  
Jones Day

Charles Douglas  
Sidley Austin

Michael Davis  
Sidley Austin

Michael Dockterman  
Wildman Harrold

Joseph Duffy  
Stetler & Duffy

Thomas Durkin  
Mayer Brown

Michael Freeborn  
Freeborn & Peters

John Gallo  
Sidley Austin

Richard Godfrey  
Kirkland & Ellis

Roderic Heard  
Wildman Harrold

John Hickey  
Kirkland & Ellis

Harold Hirshman  
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

Robert C Johnson  
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

David Kistenbroker  
Katten Muchin Rosenman

Scott Lassar  
Sidley Austin

The case against Google's YouTube also continues for client Viacom. In an amended suit, Viacom found some 150,000 unauthorized clips of copyrighted material on YouTube, but Google continues to argue its case.

**Jeffrey Colman** focuses his work on complex civil and criminal litigation, often working on professional liability, mass tort, product liability and white-collar criminal defense cases. Aside from his regular case load, Colman represents several Guantanamo Bay detainees. Chair of the insurance litigation group and co-chair of the professional liability section, **John Mathias** receives accolades for his trial work. Past clients include American National Can Company, Dell and CSX Insurance. **Anton Valukas** serves as chairman of the firm and as chairman of the white-collar criminal defense group. Peers rate his work high in areas relating to his business litigation acumen. One recent client includes former Chicago Sun-Times publisher F David Radler. High stakes litigation in both trial and appellate levels are handled by experienced attorney **Jerold Solovy**, former chair of the firm. Peers praise associates **Daniel Wolf** and **Sara Ruff** for their work in litigation. Ruff recently participated in the product liability case for client General Motors. A jury deliberated for roughly 90 minutes before finding in favor of GM. **Erin Schrantz** focuses her work on class actions and white-collar criminal defense litigation. Case loads include work on breach of contract disputes, multi-state consumer fraud class actions and business torts.

Full service law firm **Katten Muchin Rosenman** handles large cases for a variety of major clients. The firm prides itself for always being in the courtroom, which leads to extensive trial experience for all of the attorneys. Litigation practice areas for the firm include complex commercial, intellectual property, criminal, fraud, insurance, securities, white-collar and real estate matters. The firm recently added to its litigation and dispute resolution group with the addition of two lawyers from commercial firm Goldberg Kohn. One recent representation includes defense of Exide Technologies in a shareholder derivative action. The court accepted Katten's arguments and "dismissed the case in its entirety, with prejudice." Other clients include Merge Technologies, HSBC Bank and Cree. The firm involves itself in several aspects of community efforts, such as with the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School to promote a work-study program, and pro bono efforts like the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

**Steven Bashwiner's** complex litigation practice focuses on class actions and complex commercial matters. His extensive trial work led him to represent clients like American Airlines, Fruit of the Loom, Morgan Stanley and TD Options. **David Kistenbroker's** work is consistently praised by his peers. As chairman of the litigation department, Kistenbroker focuses his practice on areas including securities, SEC investigations, corporate governance and consumer class action litigation. One recent case involved representing

Career Education Corporation in a series of securities class action lawsuits. Kistenbroker and his team have had charges against the client dismissed several times. **Sheldon Zenner** chairs the national white-collar criminal and civil litigation group of 11 former federal prosecutors. He works as both a prosecutor and defense lawyer and is frequently recognized by peers for both capacities. **Ross Silverman** serves in the white-collar criminal and insurance and risk management divisions of the firm. Representation by Silverman has led to "well over \$20 million in actual recoveries for his clients." **Karl Barnickol** works in several areas of commercial litigation including securities, mergers and acquisitions and white-collar criminal defense. He aided Kistenbroker in the litigation for client Career Education Corporation.

Competitors consistently praised the litigation work of **Kirkland & Ellis**. The firm prides itself on matters in "business-critical lawsuits and class actions." The firm continues to hold a strong presence in Chicago with its many lawyers specifically focused on litigation. Past clients include 3M, Boeing, Kraft, Lucent Technologies, Motorola, Raytheon, Time Warner and Verizon. The firm believes in helping clients through all aspects of a potential trial, even if that means advising against costly litigation.

**David Bernick's** complex commercial trial experience focuses in matters of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, pharmaceutical products, asbestos restructuring, tobacco cost recovery, medical devices and radiation exposure in state and federal courts. Past clients include Babcock & Wilcox, Apple, Abbott Laboratories and General Motors. He regularly splits his practice between the Chicago and New York offices of the firm. Clients consistently turn to **Richard Godfrey** for complex and strategic litigation for both the trial and appellate side. Representative clients include GM Motors, BP America, Vulcan Materials, BMW, Walgreens and Lincoln Electric. **Stephen Patton**, most known for his work with the RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company, continues his good work in complex litigation matters involving contract, antitrust and product liability cases. **John Hickey** covers several diverse practice areas including environmental, product liability, antitrust and contract litigation. Associate **Seth Gastwirth** practices within the intellectual property group in areas of class action, mass tort, toxic tort, trademark and copyright litigation. He is heavily involved with copyright issues stemming from cable television and radio. **Eric Hayes** also focuses his practice in areas of intellectual property litigation. One case involves client Samsung Electronics in relation to fraud and unfair competition claims. **Micah Marcus** has significant trial experience in commercial matters with relation to Chapter 7 proceedings and Chapter 11 reorganization. Clients include Calpine and United Air Lines.

**Mayer Brown** recently received a great deal of press with the recent move by Google to hire

the firm, and replace Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott. With all of the initial praise Google gave Barlit Beck, it was seen as a surprise move to many lawyers in the community. Three of the Mayer Brown's top litigators were brought in to take over the case.

Mayer Brown recently merged with Johnson Stokes & Master to offer several offices throughout Asia, Europe and the Americas. The merger promises to significantly bolster the intellectual property department. This should help the firm since it already lost partners to Proskauer Rose and Ropes & Gray. Also of note is the trial of one of the partners charged with securities fraud, among other claims, in the Refco case.

**Vincent Connelly's** areas of expertise include cases in securities, antitrust, RICO, fraud and representing major corporations in civil trials. His work in criminal defense cases is praised often. Peers also praise the work of **Thomas Durkin** who focuses his time on patent, product liability and medical device defense litigation. **Stephen Shapiro** is often noted for his work within the Supreme Court and appellate litigation practice group, one recent client includes Credit Suisse. **Britt Miller's** work focuses on antitrust and complex commercial litigation. She worked on several cases concerning contract disputes, securities fraud, products liability and trust interpretation.

Consistently praised for its litigation practice, **Sidley Austin** remains a force in the Chicago trial arena. One client says of the Chicago group, "[You] always have a feeling of confidence when they're handling a case." Many clients also praised Sidley Austin lawyer's effective communications methods. They were never left wondering what was going on. With more than 200 lawyers practicing complex commercial matters, the firm is readily able to handle any client request. The firm continues to grow its Chicago base with several recent additions to the litigation group with civil, criminal and commercial trial experience. The lawyers have a wide breadth of experience in all matters of litigation including, antitrust, class action litigation, commodities, white-collar criminal, corporate takeovers, environmental, government contracts, insurance coverage, real estate and securities, among others. On a completely different note, the firm also receives significant attention as the meeting place of presidential candidate Barak and Michelle Obama.

Well known for his work in federal securities fraud lawsuits among his peers, **Walter Carlson** frequently represents clients in SEC investigations. Clients consistently praised the work of **Michael Davis**. He's a "phenomenal lawyer" who "has covered all of the bases, and knows how to communicate to the client." Davis' work focuses on class action litigation in products liability, consumer fraud and various toxic tort cases. **Charles Douglas** is called "one of the preeminent trial lawyers in the country" by one client. One significant representation includes defense of AT&T, in which the plaintiff wanted billions of dollars in damages, but

resulted in a more favorable settlement for the client. Former federal prosecutor **John Gallo** receives praise for his work in securities and white-collar criminal defense litigation. One former client includes the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board. One client called attorney **Scott Lassar** an "expert on white-collar crime." His work on internal investigations came highly recommended by several clients. Another client called him "very responsive, very smart and very objective." Clients note **Kathleen Roach**, **Ruchi Verma** and **Melanie Walker's** work and responsiveness. Roach handles complex commercial, trade secret and securities matters. Verma also handles complex commercial matters. Walker represents clients in complex commercial, securities and account liability matters.

The Chicago office of **Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal** is one of its largest and oldest of the firm, with many of its lawyers emphasizing a focus on litigation. Even with the media attention of the recent string of lay-offs, the firm remains strong in the trial market. The office handles antitrust, complex commercial, intellectual property, stockholder derivative suits and white-collar criminal defense cases often. The firm does a great deal of work in media law, representing the Chicago Tribune in First Amendment disputes. The firm handles high-level insurance cases for many carriers. One recent case includes the defense of Allstate in a punitive class action brought by several homeowners and business owners of New Orleans, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Lawyers successfully argued the case in favor of the client, the effect of which, had it not been in favor of the insurance company, "could have cost more than \$1 billion." Clients call them a "go-to firm" for litigation that consistently delivers "tremendous results." Another client says, "There's a great deal of trust with the lawyers in this firm." Clients of note include Travelers Insurance Companies, Steven Spielberg, Media 8 Entertainment, Time magazine and Burberry.

**Robert C Johnson** leads the firm's litigation group in Chicago. He specializes in complex litigation specifically involving insurance issues. One client says, "He's a terrific trial attorney with great trial instincts and a very effective demeanor with judges and juries." Recent clients include the Agricultural Insurance Company and St Paul Travelers. **Harold Hirshman** successfully represents clients in cases involving class action and securities issues. He recently led a team of lawyers in the Burberry trial when a favorable settlement was reached with one plaintiff, and the matter completely dismissed. **Blaine Kimrey** practices in areas of entertainment, intellectual property and commercial litigation. He recently participated in the litigation for Allstate involving Katrina cases, and actively works on pro bono matters. **Natalie Spears** focuses on intellectual property, media and commercial litigation, and assisted in the Allstate case. Other notable clients include the Tribune Company and NBC.

Nationally recognized, **Winston & Strawn** is

Bradley Lerman  
Winston & Strawn

William Linklater  
Baker & McKenzie

John Mathias  
Jenner & Block

Creighton Meland Jr  
Baker & McKenzie

Scott Mendeloff  
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Matthew Neumeier  
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Stephen Patton  
Kirkland & Ellis

Michael Pope  
McDermott Will & Emery

Thomas Quinn  
Schiff Hardin

Daniel Reidy  
Jones Day

Robert Riley  
Schiff Hardin

David Rosenbloom  
McDermott Will & Emery

Ronald Safer  
Schiff Hardin

Stephen Shapiro  
Mayer Brown

Ross Silverman  
Katten Muchin Rosenman

Jerold Solovy  
Jenner & Block

Jeffrey Stone  
McDermott Will & Emery

David Stetler  
Stetler & Duffy

Christina Tchen  
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

Dan Webb  
Winston & Strawn

Anton Valukas  
Jenner & Block

Sheldon Zenner  
Katten Muchin Rosenman

## Future stars

Karl Barnickol Katten Muchin Rosenman	Sondra A Hemeryck Schiff Hardin	Sara Ruff Jenner & Block
David Becker Freeborn & Peters	Tiffini Hines McDermott Will & Emery	Erin Schrantz Jenner & Block
David Blickenstaff Schiff Hardin	Jacob Koering Freeborn & Peters	Scott Schutte Howrey
Ruth Bro Baker & McKenzie	Blaine Kimrey Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal	Natalie Spears Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal
Roxane Busey Baker & McKenzie	Kenneth Kliebard Howrey	Ryan Stoll Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
Jeremy Cole Jones Day	David Koropp Winston & Strawn	Ruchi Verma Sidley Austin
Andrew DeVooght Winston & Strawn	Chris Lind Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott	Melanie Walker Sidley Austin
Jocelyn Francoeur McDermott Will & Emery	Micah Marcus Kirkland & Ellis	Adam Wiers Jones Day
Seth Gastwirth Kirkland & Ellis	Britt Miller Mayer Brown	Daniel Wolf Jenner & Block
Justine Gottshall Wildman Harrold	David Oppenheim Wildman Harrold	
Eric Hayes Kirkland & Ellis	Kathleen Roach Sidley Austin	

an international law firm with more than 400 lawyers dedicated to litigation. The lawyers like to think of themselves as “generalists” since so many have experience in several areas of litigation, and are not rigidly “departmentalized.” The “trial-centered” firm continues to expand, and recently opened a partnership in Charlotte with lawyers from the offices of Kennedy Covington. Partners from other top firms around the nation continue to join the many offices of the firm. Winston & Strawn likes to “define early on what matters the most in a case, and not just go after everything,” which works well for clients. The firm recently represented Barr Laboratories in a patent claim against Bayer Schering. The case sought to invalidate a patent that included the Bayer drug Yasmin, an oral contraceptive pill on the market with annual sales of approximately \$322 million. The court ruled in favor of Barr, which now allows the company to launch a generic version with “180 days of exclusivity.”

Clients note both **Bradley Lerman** and **Bruce Braun** with “top notch” skills at trial and often “think outside of the box for litigation matters.” Lerman, a former federal prosecutor, focuses on product liability, corporate compliance, securities and complex commercial litigation. Clients of his include McDonald’s, Morningstar and Morgan Stanley. Braun has also represented McDonald’s in several cases involving obesity and Trans Fatty Acids. He specializes in product liability and securities litigation, and is representing Ernst & Young in a securities fraud class action case. Peers consistently praised the work of **Dan Webb** for his work in complex commercial litigation, product liability and white-collar litigation. One

recent client includes Verizon in a lawsuit against Vonage, which led to a jury awarding \$58 million in damages to Verizon. Webb recently served as lead trial lawyer in the defense of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. **David Koropp** also assisted in the work for Ernst & Young. He focuses his time on complex commercial, class action, patent litigation and also regularly handles media cases. Associate **Andrew DeVooght** formerly clerked with the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. He now practices in complex commercial litigation and appellate matters.

### Recommended firms

The global firm of **Baker & McKenzie**, initially started in Chicago, continues to expand, almost daily. The firm emphasizes the importance of clearly defined standards, what lawyers expect of each other and the responsibilities it promises to clients. The firm also employs a self-imposed audit to assess work allocation and “timeliness of client communication,” among other matters. Rumors also continue to swirl regarding a merger with Heller Ehrman, but as of yet, nothing has been confirmed. The firm also made headlines recently for former partner Martin Weisberg’s indictment for allegedly stealing \$1.3 million from a client trust account. Areas of litigation for the firm are expansive, including antitrust, commercial, construction, environmental, intellectual property, maritime and trade sections.

**William Linklater** focuses his time on criminal, antitrust, professional liability, white-collar and commercial litigation. Linklater also serves as “Director of Professional Responsibility” and is frequently quoted in the press, recently involving his former colleague

Weisberg. Partner **Creighton Meland Jr** focuses his work on various aspects of business and project finance. Clients include JPMorgan and Medtronic. **Ruth Bro** regularly counsels clients on e-commerce and general intellectual property issues. **Roxane Busey** focuses her work in antitrust law with an emphasis on mergers, joint ventures and strategic alliances. She has represented clients in several industries including, chemical, consumer products, insurance and telecommunications.

Chicago-based firm **Freeborn & Peters** is “dedicated to a single purpose: providing boardroom-level counsel to top executives on a wide range of business and legal matters.” The litigation department specializes in several practice areas including antitrust, civil rights, employment, insurance, product liability and securities. One recent case involved the defense of the Board of Education for the Indian Prairie School District. The judge ruled in favor of the client with a motion to dismiss with prejudice on seven separate claims. The firm also makes headlines for being linked to the trial of Antoin Rezko, a client of the firm.

Founding partner **Michael Freeborn** practices in areas of business litigation including, antitrust, complex disputes, employment and insurance matters. One recent client includes Link Snacks in litigation involving the trial over control of a family company. Associate **David Becker** specializes in e-discovery, intellectual property and products liability litigation. He has significant second-chair experience in several trials. **Jacob Koering** focuses his work primarily on intellectual property litigation issues with an emphasis on patent work. Cases involve everything from artificial turf to maternity products.

With an expansion into the energy markets in Houston, **McDermott Will & Emery** continues its presence as a full-service international law firm. The firm regularly receives accolades from peers for work in intellectual property litigation, specifically in the patent arena. One recent victory includes a patent win for client Linear Technology against Monolithic Power Systems for infringement on nine claims. The jury unanimously awarded in favor of the client.

**Michael Pope** leads the international product liability practice and is consistently recognized by his peers for his litigation work. Clients include Exxon Mobil, Coca-Cola and McDonald's. **David Rosenbloom** is chair of the firm's white-collar criminal defense department and specializes in cases involving healthcare fraud and complex commercial litigation. He recently defended Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Head of the trial section at the firm, **Jeffrey Stone's** practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense, complex commercial litigation and internal investigations. As a former federal prosecutor, he represents individuals and corporations in all varieties of criminal prosecutions and complex commercial litigation. **Jocelyn Francoeur** has tried cases in several matters involving business torts, products liability claims, securities fraud and criminal litigation. **Tiffini Hines** maintains a strong presence within the intellectual property group at McDermott Will & Emery. She handles cases involving internet technology, electrical financial systems, lighting mechanisms and medical devices.

**Jones Day** successfully continues its work within the Chicago litigation market with intellectual property and white-collar matters. One recent case involves defending client Nokia in a patent infringement case against Dicom. The case dealt with "personal security systems" and mobile phones. Also of note is the CVS Caremark Corporation case. Summary judgment was granted by the judge in favor of Caremark and others in the suit brought on by internet pharmacy Rx.com. In addition to highly publicized matters, the firm recently won a case for "an African-American community that was denied public water service for more than 50 years." This pro bono matter won a roughly \$10.9 million verdict for a city in Ohio with severe water contamination.

**James Daly** works on both business and commercial litigation. His work frequently leads him to multidistrict litigation "against private and public plaintiffs alleging improper pharmaceutical pricing practices." Recently appointed "partner-in-charge" of the Chicago office, **Daniel Reidy** serves many sectors of litigation including white-collar, securities, health care, pharmaceutical, energy and antitrust matters. Peers also commended his work in criminal litigation involving antitrust violations and health care fraud. Associate **Adam Wiers** focuses his work on commercial litigation. His involvement in class actions includes representing an insurance company in a punitive matter alleging unlawful payments.

**Jeremy Cole** works in both criminal and civil litigation matters as an associate. Experience includes his second-chair work in a matter that returned a \$19 million verdict in favor of the firm's client.

Known as a top go-to firm for corporate litigation, **Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom** maintains a strong presence in Chicago. Securities, white-collar and class action matters continue to drive the litigation department. The Chicago office frequently represents companies in litigation regarding proxy contests, hostile takeovers, class actions and derivative lawsuits. Recent matters include defending client Anheuser-Busch, in a string of punitive class action suits alleging the company, along with the alcohol industry, "'overexpose' America's youth to alcohol advertising." Skadden Arps had cases dismissed for the client.

Prominent litigator, **Christina Tchen** covers a wide range of litigation services. Areas of coverage include securities, intellectual property, constitutional, executive compensation, insurance, real estate and breach of contract matters. One recent client includes The Mosaic Company, in a trial against Madison Dearborn Partners. Other recent clients include 21st Century Insurance, Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Houghton Mifflin. **Ryan Stoll** focuses his work on mass torts, insurance and white-collar criminal defense litigation. Recent representation includes the Intel Corporation in a case "regarding consumer fraud class action involving Pentium 4 processors."

With more than 200 **Schiff Hardin** attorneys focusing on litigation, partners handle cases in white-collar criminal defense, antitrust, trademark, Employment Retirement Income Security Act, corporate compliance and business torts. The firm continues to expand its litigation practice in Chicago, its largest office, and knows the local market well. Several lawyers there are "lifers," or those who started as associates and never left the firm. This gives the associate ranks the confidence to stay on at the firm, and succeed. The firm has an active mass tort practice, and has seen an increase in the volume of merger and acquisition litigation in the past few years. One recent case involves the defense of Lek Pharmaceuticals in a case brought by AstraZeneca for patent infringement for the drug, Prilosec. The court ruled in favor of Schiff Hardin's client.

Chairman of the firm, **Robert Riley** specializes in product liability litigation. He has also dealt extensively with class actions and asbestos related matters. Riley continues active involvement representing The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in the case of office building 7 World Trade Center. **Thomas Quinn** specializes in ERISA, patent, commercial and business torts litigation. Past clients include Baxter International, PepsiCo and Newell Rubbermaid. Peers also noted the work of attorney **Ronald Safer**, who focuses his work on white-collar criminal defense and civil litigation matters. Aside from his high-profile work

representing Mark Kipnis in the *United States v Conrad Black* trial, he also represented Julie Rea Harper in a pro bono case. The case involved defending a mother being retried for the murder of her son. The client was eventually found not guilty of the crime and released. **David Blickenstaff** focuses his work on trust and estate, class action and general commercial litigation. One recent case involves representation of trustees at The Conserve School, in which the case was eventually dismissed. **Sondra Hemeryck** works in commercial, trademark, media and real estate litigation matters. Recent litigation work includes representation of a client in a breach of contract claim.

The boutique Chicago firm **Stetler & Duffy** specializes in complex civil and white-collar criminal litigation work. Recent matters include the defense of Antoin Rezko, who was recently found guilty on 16 of 24 counts in a corruption trial that received considerable media attention. Other matters the firm has worked on include areas of health care fraud, antitrust, securities fraud and RICO cases.

Both **Joseph Duffy** and **David Stetler** are well known among their peers for their white-collar criminal defense work. Duffy has significant trial experience, and was lead litigator on the Rezko case. He has several years of experience defending clients in health care, antitrust, foreign corrupt practices, securities, environmental, public corruption and taxation cases. Stetler's work also includes several practice areas and encompasses his work as a former federal prosecutor.

The Chicago-based law firm of **Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon** offers a wide array of litigation practice areas of antitrust, intellectual property, health care, commercial, products liability, environmental and toxic torts. The firm prides itself on staffing cases with "a cross-functional team of attorneys that have specific substantive experience relevant to the issues involved." The goal of the firm is to meet the business interest of clients while successfully resolving all of the issues involved in a case. The firm recently grew its litigation department with several new attorneys.

**Michael Dockterman** represents clients in complex civil and criminal business litigation. He also represented several clients in securities and governance litigation suits. One recent case involves successful representation of Toys "R" Us in an e-commerce case against online giant Amazon. Litigation partner **H Roderic Heard** handles cases in antitrust, class action, commercial, environmental and intellectual property issues. Past clients include Honeywell International, KONE, Sony Electronics, Hyatt International and Chevron Oil. **Justine Gottshall** spends her time on intellectual property matters, frequently advising clients and representing corporations on media and entertainment issues. Associate **David Oppenheim** focuses his work on class actions, consumer fraud actions, commercial disputes and product liability litigation.