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PARTNER

Overview

After 33 years as a trial lawyer, Tom Lyman still gets a thrill out of giving the closing argument. The first time he stepped into a courtroom was to observe a trial at Daley Center in Chicago. He knew immediately he wanted to be a lawyer. Since then there have been a number of memorable moments in court, including a \$0 defense verdict for his client in a hand amputation case where the plaintiff asked for \$3.4 million, as well as a settlement for \$220,000 at the close of a trial in a toxic tort lead paint case where the plaintiff's attorney asked the jury to award \$44 million for the injuries. Tom still enjoys listening to (and learning from) the jury's comments after his trials about their thought process and the reasoning of their decisions.

Tom defends clients facing various litigation matters, such as personal injury and property damage in trucking accidents, construction accidents, construction defects, toxic torts, Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), nursing homes and assisted living facilities, automobile litigation, product liability, professional liability, premises-related litigation and commercial litigation. He also handles cases involving discrimination, false arrest, and malicious prosecution. Tom manages the case from start to the conclusion, either by trial or a successful settlement.

In addition to his legal practice, Tom is involved with Gilda's Club of Chicago, a national cancer support organization. He speaks to medical students at local hospitals on the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

Experience

Obtained Not Guilty Verdict on an Issue of Agency

Settled Case Involving Lead Paint For Significantly Less Than Ask

SERVICES

Construction

Health Care

Litigation & Trial Review Panel

Transportation & Logistics

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1987

College of the Holy Cross, B.A., 1980

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Supreme Court of the United States

Successfully Defended an Owner and Operator of a Crane in a Personal Injury Case

Represented a Designer and Manufacturer of a Display Where an Individual Fell and Sustained a Fatal Traumatic Brain Injury

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Illinois State Bar Association; Illinois Defense Trial Counsel; Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS); American Bar Association; Northern District of Illinois Trial Bar
- Member: Holy Cross Lawyers Association
- Co-Chair: Amundsen Davis's Trial Evaluation Committee
- Instructor: Amundsen Davis Trial Academy and weekly training seminars for new Amundsen Davis attorneys

Honors

- Martindale-Hubbell AV[®] Preeminent[™] rated
- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers List: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Firm News

27 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 29, 2021

24 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 29, 2020

29 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 24, 2019

Alerts

Trucking Industry Take Note: The Debate Over Side Underride Guards Pushes On

Speaking Engagements

Litigation 101
Speaking Engagement, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance ("CLM"),
October 5, 2022

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Negotiating Strategies for Claims Professional
Speaking Engagement, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance ("CLM"),
September 14, 2022

Stop the Great Resignation - Strategies for Reducing Law Firm Turnover
Thomson Reuters, Seminar, March 16, 2022

"Doctor Depositions"
Presented by Illinois Insitute For Continuing Legal Education (IILCE); Chicago, IL

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