

DANIEL J. VOELKER

Education

January 1985 – Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D. 1985)

- Graduated "High Honors" – Seventh in class
- Assistant Legal Writing Instructor
- Law Review member (Lead Articles Editor)
- Judicial Extern: Judge John L. Coffey

United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Judge Hubert E. Will, United States District Court Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

May 1982 – University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, College of Commerce and Business Administration (B.S./Accountancy)

Professional Experience

December 15, 2010, to present – Voelker Litigation Group –

Owner, practicing extensively in all areas of complex commercial litigation and arbitration.

December 6, 2000, to December 14, 2010 - Freeborn & Peters LLP –

Equity Partner practicing extensively in all areas of complex commercial litigation and arbitration and having appeared before numerous state and federal courts throughout the United States, having handled hundreds of litigation matters involving many substantive areas, including, contracts, securities, banking and finance, trust and estate, employment, insurance, intellectual property, real estate, partnership disputes, defamation, unfair competition, RICO, antitrust, restrictive covenants, tort, products liability, liability of accountants, lawyers and architects, insurance coverage, medicare/medicaid fraud, False Claims Act, tax and other complex commercial matters. Co-chaired the Litigation Practice Group, responsible for providing direction to dozens of litigators and trial attorneys.

October 1, 1998, to December 5, 2000 – Schwartz & Freeman (now known as Michael Best & Friedrich) –

Equity Partner, Co-Chair of the Litigation Practice Group and member of the

Compensation (elected) and Policy (appointed) Committees.

January 2, 1985, to September 30, 1998 – Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson –
Equity Partner, Litigation Training and Pro Bono Committees.

Summer 1984 – Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson – Summer Associate

1983 to 1984 – Baker & McKenzie – Law Clerk

Professional Accreditations and Organizations

- Certified Public Accountant, Illinois (1982 to present)
- Faculty Member, National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) (1997 to the present) (trial advocacy and deposition training)
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law, course entitled "International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration" (1998 to the present)
- Received Martindale-Hubbell "AV" Peer Rating (2000 - 2011) (Highest rating awardable).
- Selected in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, and 2013 as a “Leading Lawyer in Illinois.”
- Selected in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 as a “Super Lawyer.”

Bar Memberships

- United States Supreme Court (admitted 1998)
- Illinois Supreme Court (admitted 1985)
- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division (general and trial bars) (admitted 1985)
- United States District Court, Central District of Illinois (1999)
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin (2003)
- United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit (admitted 1989)
- Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) Member
- International Bar Association (IBA) Member and United States Representative/Delegate

Other Organizations and Involvements

- Board Member, Lookingglass Theatre (2007 to 2009)
- Board Member, Chicago Baseball Museum (2010 to 2011)
- Judge, 2002-2004 National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC)

National Finals

- Judge, Arlyn Miner Moot Court Competition
- President, Chicago-Kent College of Law Alumni Association Board (1999-2002)
- Member, Illinois Judicial Evaluation Committee (ISBA) (1997-2011)
- Member, Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee (ISBA) (1998-2002, 2008-2009)
- Member, Illinois Continuing Legal Education Committee (ISBA) (2001-2003)
- Member, Illinois Bar Journal Editorial Board (2005-2008 and 2010-2011)
- Member, Standing Committee on Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Committee (2007-2009)
- Member, Japan-America Society of Chicago
- Co-Chair, 1998-2002 March of Dimes Chicago Chefs' Auction Committee
- 1996-1997 United Way of Chicago Campaign, Co-Chair, Young Partners' Committee; Member, Law Division Committee; Member, New Initiatives Committee
- Legal Assistance Foundation Certificate of Merit (1996)

Published Articles and Speeches

- Comment, "The Application of Comparative Negligence to Strict Products Liability," *Coney v. J.L.G. Industries Inc.*, 59 *Chicago-Kent Law Review* 1043 (1983)
- Contract Law IICLE Handbook, "Contract Formation" (1996, 2006 & 2008)
- Business and Commercial Litigation IICLE Handbook, "Development of Legal Theories and Causes of Action" (1999)
- Business and Commercial Litigation IICLE Handbook, "Production and Organization of Documents" (1996 & 2007)
- Financing Real Estate Transactions IICLE Handbook, "Securities Law Aspects of Real Estate Participation and Financing" (1996)
- Labor Law IICLE Handbook, "Antitrust Problems" (1998)
- "United States Laws Governing the Rights and Duties of Commercial Agents and Distributors," - Speaker, International Distribution of Goods Seminar, American

- Conference Institute (ACI) (May 9, 1996)
- "Strategies for Excellence: Law as a Profession 2000," Speaker, Chicago-Kent College of Law (February 9, 2000)
 - International Bar Association, Discussion on Public Policy with Chief Justice of Appeals, Sweden, and Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland, Australia, Amsterdam, Holland (September 18, 2000) (invited, did not speak)
 - National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA), Moderator and Speaker for course on the Use of Experts in Specialty Litigation (October 19, 2000)
 - "Strategies for Excellence: Law as a Profession 2001", Speaker, Chicago-Kent College of Law (February 7, 2001)
 - International Bar Association, Litigating Transnational Contracts, Choice or Imposition, Madrid, Spain, speaker on "E-Commerce Litigation" (2004)
 - Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Civil Litigation Flashpoints article, May 2007
 - Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Civil Litigation Flashpoints article, December 2008
 - The ABA's 19th National Institute on Health Care Fraud, speaker and participant in "Trial Demonstration" (April 2009)
 - Author, "It Ain't So, Kid, It Just Ain't So": History's Apology to "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, Charles Comiskey and Chicago's Black Sox (2009)

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