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OVERVIEW

Ed Gibbons is a trial attorney with over 30 years of experience, specializing in personal injury and insurance coverage litigation and counseling, including: commercial litigation, transportation litigation, medical and product liability defense, construction litigation, class action defense, toxic tort disputes, nursing home law, admiralty matters, and defamation law. He has represented a wide variety of individual and corporate clients, including, but not limited to, insurance companies, trucking companies, architects and engineers, building owners and managers, general and subcontractors, railroads, automobile and component part manufacturers, power tool and aerial lift manufacturers, boat manufacturers and sellers, lawn and garden tool manufacturers and sellers, newspaper reporters and publishers, steel producers, chemical manufacturers, nursing homes, and state agencies.

FOCUS AREAS

- Aviation
- Bad Faith Litigation
- Commercial
- Complex Tort Litigation
- First Party Property
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Litigation
- Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions

CREDENTIALS

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

- U.S. District Court, C.D. Illinois
- U.S. District Court, N.D. Illinois
- U.S. District Court, S.D. Illinois
- U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit

EDUCATION

- Notre Dame Law School, J.D.
- College of William & Mary, B.B.A.

EXPERIENCE

NOTABLE DECISIONS

Ed's practice is truly nationwide, as he has personally handled cases in Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. His body of work includes numerous successful trials, arbitrations, appeals, summary judgments, class actions, settlement negotiations, and various other alternative dispute resolutions.

His most recent trial and appellate work includes:

- *Market Street Bancshares, Inc. v. Federal Ins. Co.*, 962 F.3d 947 (7th Cir. 2020)
- *Horist v. Sudler and Co.*, No. 18-2150, 941 F.3d 274 (7th Cir. 2019)
- *Flores v. ACE American Ins. Co.*, No. 1:17-CV-08674 (S.D. NY April 30, 2018).
- *IberiaBank Corporation v. Illinois Union Ins. Co.*, 2:18-cv-01090 (E.D. LA February 13, 2019).
- *Venegas v. Iron Mountain*, No. 2015-L-1659 (Circuit Court of Cook County, October 22, 2018)
- *Market Street Bancshares, Inc. v. Federal Ins. Co.*, 3:17-CV-00036-NJR-SCW (S.D. Ill. May 21, 2018).
- *Horist v. Sudler and Company*, Case No. 17 C 8113 (N.N. ILL April 24, 2018).
- *BancorpSouth, Inc. v. Federal Ins. Co.*, No. 17-1425 (7th Cir. Oct. 12, 2017).
- *Ehrlich v. Dukes, et al.* (Chicago, IL)
- *Mojziszek v. Village of Franklin Park* (Chicago, IL)
- *SMS Demag v. Material Sciences Corporation* (U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit)
- *Rush Ontario v. K2 Architects* (AAA Arbitration, Milwaukee, WI)
- *Omohundro v. Song* (Chicago, IL)
- *Edwards v. Paddock Publications* (Chicago, IL)
- *Mill Equipment v. Robinson Steel* (Pittsburgh, PA)
- *Childress v. Norman and NEMA* (Champaign, IL)
- *State v. Farrug* (Waukegan, IL)
- *Kurland Steel v. Robinson Steel* (Champaign, IL)
- *Walisiak v. General Motors* (Chicago, IL)

- *BC Venture v. Westmont* (Wheaton, IL)
- *Dallito v. Susi* (Arlington Heights, IL)
- *Hoffman v. Echo* (Chicago, IL)

Ed takes particular pride in evaluating cases early, with an eye toward convincing the court and/opposing counsel to dismiss his client from the case before engaging in unnecessary discovery. As a result of his early evaluation/early disposition approach, Ed's clients have recently been voluntarily and involuntarily dismissed from the following cases:

- *Addesso v. Material Sciences Corporation* (Dismissed via summary judgment motion; International Court of Arbitration)
- *Canciari v. Myefeski* (Cook, Voluntary dismissal)
- *McGee v. Cordogan Clark* (Dismissed via summary judgment motion)
- *Jurciukonis v. K2 Architects* (Voluntary dismissal)
- *Stillman v. Great Lakes Soil* (Voluntary dismissal/motion pending)
- *Heritage v. Condon Consulting* (Voluntary dismissal/motion pending)
- *Monarch Gems v. Malca-Amit* (Dismissed via summary judgment motion)
- *SMS Demag v. Material Sciences Corporation* (Dismissed via summary judgment motion)
- *Black Diamond v. Searcy* (Dismissed via summary judgment motion)
- *Carpenter v. Union Laboratories* (Dismissed via summary judgment motion)
- *Healy v. K2 Architects* (Dismissed via summary judgment motion)

Ed has authored several papers outlining the Illinois Tort Reform Act and the Illinois Supreme Court's decision striking down the Act. He has also co-authored two papers entitled "Product Liability for Sellers of Industrial Equipment," presented to the Chicago Industrial Truck Dealers Association, and "Product Liability of Sellers of Industrial Equipment," presented to the Aerial Platform Trade Association. Ed has spoken at the Electric Utility Fleet Manager's National Conference and the American Boat and Yacht Council Conference regarding the "Liability for Used Goods Sellers," the "Manufacturer's Post Sale Duty to Warn," "Spoliation of Evidence," and "Quality Standards in Litigation." Ed was also a featured speaker at the Product Safety Seminar of the Equipment Manufacturer's Institute, addressing the "Globalization of Product Liability."

Ed has served as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois, acting as lead trial counsel for the Illinois Department of Transportation following Illinois's worst bus/train accident. As part of his "non-traditional" trial work, Ed successfully defended a major metropolitan newspaper and 14 of its employees and editors in a $20 million defamation suit, and assisted criminal counsel in the successful defense of a boat operator accused of involuntary manslaughter. Ed also provides general outside counsel and litigation advice to several clients, including architectural engineering firms, manufacturing concerns, and insurance companies providing personal lines, construction, trucking, and nursing home coverage.

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AFFILIATIONS

- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- McHenry County Bar Association
- PADS Homeless Shelter

NEWS

- Walker Wilcox Secures Summary Judgment Ruling for Client in Coverage and Bad Faith Action
- Walker Wilcox Wins Dismissal of Putative Class Action Against Property Management Company
- Walker Wilcox Wins Dismissal of Coverage Case Arising From TCPA Class Action
- Walker Wilcox Successfully Represents Insurer in Seventh Circuit Appeal Affirming Denial of Coverage for Overdraft Class Action