

RESOLUTE

DISPUTE RESOLUTION NATIONWIDE

SCOTT R. BRITTON, ESQ.

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Scott R. Britton is a founding partner in the law firm of Ford & Britton PC and has practiced as a trial attorney in Chicago since 1985. He concentrates his practice in insurance defense and commercial litigation. He has experience in all aspects of trial and appellate practice with an emphasis in products liability, transportation, construction, professional negligence, insurance coverage and related litigation. Scott has also given a number of presentations to various groups on insurance and related topics to insurance companies and national business organizations. He has received the “AV” designation from Martindale Hubbell, the highest peer rating given for professional skills and ethics.

Scott maintains an active Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practice, regularly serving as a mediator and arbitrator in contested civil litigation. Scott concentrates his ADR practice on the resolution of personal injury, products liability, commercial and professional malpractice cases. He is a member of Resolute Systems Chicago Panel of Mediators and Arbitrators since 2000.

In addition to his legal practice, Scott was appointed to the Glenview District 34 School Board in 2002 and was elected to a full term in 2003. He served on the competition committee and for the last year on the board, functioned as vice president. He was elected to the Village of Glenview Board of Trustees in 2007 and was re-elected in 2011. In 2018 he was elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners where he chairs the Litigation and Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committees. He was reelected to another 4-year term in 2022.

LICENSES

U.S. Supreme Court
Supreme Court of Illinois
Supreme Court of Arizona
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court Trial Bar (N.D. Ill)
U.S. District Court Northern District of Indiana

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, Urbana, Illinois

Juris Doctor, 1985

Dean's List

Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts-History/Political Science

Summa Cum Laude

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Elected to Village of Glenview Board of Trustees, 2007-2011, 2011-2015

Elected to Glenview School District #34 Board of Education, 2002-2007

Arbitrator: Cook County Court Annexed Mandatory Arbitration System

Member: Glenview Joint Emergency 911 Board

Director: North Shore United Way 2007-2011

Director: Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook 2013- present

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Liquor Liability, “18 The Meeting Planner 12 (December, 1998).

Meeting Professionals International and International Association for Exposition Management
Presentations: World Education Congress July 28, 1996, “Mock Trial”.

Professional Education Congress-North America, Orlando, Florida, January 27, 1998, “Liability Issues in the Hotel and Travel Industries”.

IAEM Contracts Forum, Rosemont, Illinois, November 1, 1998, “Swords & Shields: Negotiations Workshop”.

State Farm Insurance Seminar: “Trial Demonstration”, Bloomington, Illinois October 25, 2000

Viewpoint 2006 Conference, Chicago, Illinois “Using a Web-Based Platform to Collaborate with Outside Counsel” September 27, 2006

“Five Mistakes When Buying Business Insurance”, Forbes, October 10, 2006

LegalTech 2007 Conference New York, New York “Your Clients Have Adopted Technology for E-billing and Collaborative Matter Management – Now What?” January 29, 2007

P & C Claims Congress, Santa Fe New Mexico “A Drive Down Route 66- Claims/ Counsel Collaboration” February 21, 2007

“Winning Your First Jury Trial”, NBI (June 2008)

“ Multiple Tortfeasors, Other Insurance Clauses and Stacking Insurance Policies”, NBI (May 2012)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Trial:

- Bunton Co. v. Pro Scape, Inc., (Circuit Court of Cook County, IL). Trial attorney in products liability action by lawn mower manufacturer seeking contribution from plaintiff's employer. Obtained defense verdict allocating 90% of damages to lawn mower manufacturer and 10% to client, Pro Scape.
- Brown v. Signor and Larson, (Circuit Court of Cook County, IL-Skokie Branch). Trial attorney for defendant Larson in multiple automobile collision. Obtained not guilty verdict on behalf of client.
- Houda v. Claudio, (Circuit Court of DuPage County, IL). Trial attorney in admitted liability automobile case. Defense verdict equal to last pre-trial offer.
- Lietz v. Davlin, (Circuit Court of Cook County, IL). Trial attorney in personal injury action involving multiple knee surgeries. Plaintiff's counsel requested \$600,000 from jury, prior offer of \$75,000. Verdict of \$4,960.
- Friso v. Fagan, (Circuit Court of Cook County). Plaintiff sustained significant ankle fracture in accident with truck driver. Not guilty verdict after plaintiff's attorney requested \$791,000 in closing arguments.
- Burris v. Patel, (Circuit Court of Cook County). Trial attorney in wrongful death action brought by a plaintiff's estate after patient was allegedly not treated for sepsis in a timely manner. Insured defendant dismissed pursuant to nuisance settlement during jury trial.
- Feltes v. Elmhurst College, (Circuit Court of Cook County). As counsel for construction site owner Elmhurst College, obtained a directed verdict at trial in wrongful death electrocution suit.
- Simich v. Edgewater Beach, (Circuit Court of Cook County). In trial of premises liability suit by elderly woman who fell by tripping over pneumatic hose at garage entrance, successfully argued plaintiff's negligence as sole proximate cause of injuries, not guilty verdict at trial.
- Reason v. General Electric, (Circuit Court of LaSalle County). In product liability action on behalf of GE Plastic, obtained summary judgment on multi-million dollar wrongful death action.
- Regnier v. A.A. Conte et al, (Circuit Court of Cook County). As trial counsel for excavation contractor, jury entered award in favor of the contractor in a suit involving alleged assault and battery at a construction site.
- Daly v. Nazca (Circuit Court of Cook County). Following lengthy jury trial, a defense verdict was entered in favor of the defendant in a case involving a worksite accident where the insured defendant physically stepped on the plaintiff while he was working in a sub floor of a high-rise office building.

- Polino v. F.H. Paschen. (Circuit Court of Cook County) In multiparty construction injury case, obtained not guilty verdict on behalf of defendant masonry contractor, \$2,000,000 verdict entered against codefendant contractors.
- DiFranco v. Martz. (Circuit Court of Cook County). Trial attorney for defendant in defamation action who published allegations that plaintiff, a candidate of Circuit Court judge, stole his opponents yard signs during the campaign. Obtained not guilty verdict of behalf of the client.

Appellate:

- Koontz v. Pepsico, 505 N.E.2d 1126 (1st Dist. 1987). After declaratory judgment action was dismissed, represented Pepsico in appeal involving exhaustion of remedies issue. Favorable dismissal upheld.
- Le Clercq v. Woodside Bible Chapel, 92-0186 (1st Dist. 1992). After obtaining summary judgment in favor of church client in defamation action, briefed and argued appeal involving slander issue. Favorable summary judgment affirmed.
- Figuroa v. Evangelical Covenant Church, 879 F.2d 1427 (7th Cir. 1989). After taking numerous depositions and managing substantial discovery in case of criminal attack on invitee on premises of college, obtained favorable ruling on motion for summary judgment, upheld on appeal.
- Owens v. Bowman, 87-2746 (1st Dist. 1989). Briefed and argued dismissal of suit in favor of defendant on grounds of lack of diligence in effectuating service of process. Dismissal upheld in client's favor.
- American National Bank v. National Advertising, 149 Ill.2d 14 (1992). Represented employer in wrongful death case where Supreme Court ruled that electrocution of deceased did not give rise to Structural Work Act cause of action. Substantial lien recovery made for insurer.
- Khan v. Enterprise, 355 Ill. App. 3d 13 (1st Dist. 2004). Counsel for defendant rental car company in wrongful death action, successfully argued that proper forum was DuPage County as opposed to Cook County following Supreme Court appeal sending appellate matter back to first district for decision.
- Estate of Burenkhuu v. Red Seal, No. 1-23-1693 (1st Dist. 2004). 4 year old child drowned in retention pond at residential development. Obtained summary judgment on behalf of property owner who owed no duty to protect against open and obvious condition. Ruling upheld on appeal.