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Biography

Bill, a shareholder with Clausen Miller P.C., focuses his practice on complex tort litigation. He frequently defends manufacturers in product liability actions, and construction entities sued following workplace accidents. Bill has handled the defense of numerous premises liability matters, and has defended consumer class action lawsuits in Illinois, New York, and Louisiana. Bill has represented municipalities, police and private security officers, dispatchers, and ambulance companies in civil rights and tort matters.

Bill regularly represents clients following large-scale fire and explosion losses, involving deaths, personal injuries, and property damage. He often begins handling such matters in the immediate aftermath of a loss, retaining appropriate experts to investigate origin, cause, and spread issues. If suit is filed, Bill participates in all aspects of litigation through trial. Representative fire and explosion cases Bill has handled include:

- Defending a product manufacturer in a lawsuit involving 100 deaths and over 200 personal injuries resulting from a Rhode Island nightclub fire.
- Obtaining summary judgment in favor of a sprinkler contractor following a fire at an Illinois casino causing over \$80 million in damages.
- Defending a commercial property developer in a lawsuit alleging tens of millions of dollars in property damage resulting from a wildfire on California's Catalina Island.
- Defending a product manufacturer after a warehouse fire in Iowa caused tens of millions of dollars in property damages.
- Defending a commercial tenant following an explosion during the manufacturing process at an Indiana warehouse causing a multi-million dollar loss.

Bill has successfully mediated and tried many cases, and has briefed, argued, and won appeals in the Illinois Appellate Courts, the Illinois Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Bill joined Clausen Miller in 1994, after serving as an Assistant Illinois Attorney General, and an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney. He is a graduate of the Teaching Advocacy Skills program of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. He has an AV

Preeminent rating with Martindale-Hubbell indicating the highest ranking in legal ability and ethical standards as determined by his peers in the legal community.



Education

J.D. DePaul University College of Law,
1987

B.A. University of Illinois, 1984

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Northern District of
Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Memberships

American Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Defense Research Institute

Awards

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