



## Robert L. Reifenberg

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### Biography

A director of the firm, Bob is a trial lawyer who concentrates his practice in the defense of medical professionals. Since joining the firm over 30 years ago, Bob has represented physicians, practice groups and hospitals at trial and alternative dispute resolution forums. He has successfully defended doctors in nearly every medical specialty and has obtained favorable verdicts on behalf of internists, cardiologists, gynecologists, obstetricians, general surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, spine surgeons, immunologists, pediatricians and family physicians, among others. As the firm liaison with a major medical insurer, Bob understands the challenges facing medical professionals in our litigious time. Lawsuits charging professional negligence are deeply personal affairs and can make even the most hardened medical practitioner question the legal system or even his/her own medical judgment. Bob recognizes the key to success in this arena is an aggressive defense coupled with sensitivity to his clients' needs. Of course, there is no substitute for a deep understanding of the medicine as well as the flow of medical and administrative events in a practice group or hospital setting.

Bob's practice, however, has not been limited to medical negligence defense. Over the years, he has been involved with numerous high profile cases that have attracted regional and national media attention. He has acted as lead counsel in commercial disputes requiring the supervision and coordination of teams of lawyers. Bob was lead defense counsel in major pharmaceutical litigation involving alleged contamination of drugs distributed worldwide. He represented the insurer at binding arbitration in coverage claims arising out of the closing of Historic Route 66 in Illinois. He also served as lead counsel in substantial securities fraud litigation and other disputes arising under the Uniform Commercial Code. Bob has acted as counsel to major insurers in declaratory judgment actions, bad faith litigation and equitable subrogation claims, some resulting in ground-breaking appellate court decisions.

Bob is a member of the Illinois Bar, the Trial Bar for the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, as well as a member of various other Federal District bars. He has an AV® rating with Martindale-Hubbell indicating the highest ranking in legal ability and ethical standards as determined by his peers in the legal community, and has been selected a "Leading Lawyer" in the Illinois Leading Lawyer Network.

Bob graduated first in his class from Northern Illinois University School of Law where he also served as an editor of the law review and received the Dean's Scholarship award. Following law school, he served a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Philip G. Reinhard of the Illinois Appellate Court.

Bob and his wife, Janie, are proud parents of triplets, Matt, Jenny and Meggie, recent college graduates who are seeking to blaze their own trail.



## Education

J.D. Northern Illinois University  
College of Law, *cum laude*, 1981  
B.A. St. Mary's College, *cum laude*,  
1978

## Bar Admissions

Illinois

## Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Northern District of  
Illinois

## Memberships

Chicago Bar Association

## Awards

Martindale Hubbell AV® rating  
Leading Lawyers, 2020

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## Matters of Note

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*Colletti v. Janopoulos,*

169 Ill. App. 3d 1068, 523 N.E.2d 1222 (1st Dist. 1988)

*Ponziano v. K.R. Kleiner and Co.,*

216 Ill. App.3d 22, 576 N.E.2d 158 (1st Dist. 1991)

*Block v. Pepper Const. Co.,*

269 Ill. App. 3d 745, 645 N.E.2d 207 (1st Dist. 1993)

*Hansen v. Demarakis,*

259 Ill. App. 3d 166, 630 N.E.2d 1202 (1st Dist. 1994)

*American States Ins. Co. v. Natl. Cycle,*  
260 Ill. App.3d 299, 631 N.E.2d 1292 (1st Dist. 1994)

*CHRPP v. ISMIE,*  
325 Ill. App. 3d 970, 758 N.E.2d 353 (1st Dist. 2001)

*Domin v. Shelby Ins. Co.,*  
326 Ill. App. 3d 688; 761 N.E. 2d 746 (1st Dist. 2001)

*CHRPP v. ISMIE II,*  
397 Ill. App. 3d 512, 925 N.E. 2d 1216 (1st Dist. 2010)