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Commercial Real Estate, Commercial Tenant Leasing, Commercial Litigation



Monica is a commercial litigator representing and defending clients in state and federal court. She concentrates her practice on complex contractual and business disputes, real estate and lending issues, and zoning and land use litigation.

Monica represents a broad range of corporate and private clients in various industries including financial services, real estate, and manufacturing. She routinely

litigates matters involving breach of contracts; commercial lease disputes; land use and zoning disputes; loan defaults; commercial foreclosures; partnership disputes and business torts involving breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, tortious interference with contract and negligence, and related civil causes of action.

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EDUCATION

- J.D., The John Marshall Law School, 2007
- B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2004

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Winconsin
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

"In commercial litigation right now, we're as good as you'll find. Our team is smart, savvy, and absolutely relentless. Nobody wants to face them in court."



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EXPERIENCE

- Successfully defended trucking company in land use and zoning matter filed by a municipality in state court challenging the constitutionality of an ordinance permitting the company to operate its truck terminal; obtained a directed finding in favor of defendant trucking company after a nine day bench trial.
- Represented lender in a commercial loan enforcement matter in Illinois State Court resulting in the entry of a \$1.7 million judgment in favor of client and defeat of defendant's defenses related to claim of co-obligor's discharge; upheld on appeal.
- Represented tax preparation franchise owner/operator in the U.S. District Court and successfully obtained a temporary restraining order against prior employees operating a competing tax preparation company in violation of non-compete agreement.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Wisconsin Bar Association
- Real Estate Finance Forum

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