




Mark F. Wolfe

COUNSEL

Mark is an accomplished trial lawyer who has amassed a lengthy record of success in a wide range of insurance and employment matters in jurisdictions across the country.

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SERVICES

Bad Faith & Extra-Contractual

Civil Rights

Claims Management

Commercial Litigation

Complex & Multi-District Litigation

Construction Law

Cyber Risk, Technology & Data
Security

General Liability

Insurance Coverage / Reinsurance

Labor & Employment

Medical Malpractice

Premises Liability

Product Liability

Professional Liability

Trucking & Transportation

Focusing his multi-faceted practice on defending complex professional liability, products liability, construction, trucking, property, municipal liability, and employment actions, Mark Wolfe combines formidable advocacy skills with an emphasis on early and thorough case evaluation.

A seasoned litigator and a founding partner of the firm's Chicago office, Mark combines formidable advocacy skills with an emphasis on early case evaluation and recommendations. He understands that his clients need clear, timely information about a matter's strengths, weaknesses, and potential for exposure so they can make thoughtful and strategic business decisions. Mark's extensive experience in a wide range of insurance and employment matters in jurisdictions across the country has provided his clients with confidence that he can handle whatever they send his way.

Mark focuses his multi-faceted practice on defending complex professional liability, products liability, construction, trucking, property, municipal liability, and employment actions. He provides robust defense representation for physicians and healthcare providers, attorneys, and other professionals facing claims of malpractice and malfeasance. Throughout his career, Mark has served as lead counsel in significant cases involving catastrophic losses against the top trial attorneys in Chicago and over 35 states.

Additionally, Mark has represented employers in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies in matters involving employment discrimination, employment contracts, and non-compete and restrictive covenant litigation. Mark also counsels excess carriers and serves as monitoring counsel in high exposure cases. In this capacity, he skillfully advocates for his excess insurer clients in mediations and other alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

Mark's practice also includes representing insurance companies in nationwide multimillion-dollar commercial disputes involving first-party property losses. He counsels insurers regarding coverage issues arising from natural disasters and draws upon his extensive litigation experience to defend insurers in first-party property litigation and arbitration proceedings.

Primary and excess carriers trust Mark's counsel in complex insurance coverage disputes and in the coverage opinions he provides concerning general liability, professional liability and employment practices liability matters. Mark's coverage litigation experience includes defending insurers against contentious bad faith and extra-contractual liability claims.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin who earned his law degree from Marquette University Law School, Mark has been recognized as an Illinois *Super Lawyer* every year since 2006. When not serving his clients, he enjoys spending time with his family.

EDUCATION

- Marquette University, J.D.
 - Marquette Law Review, authored *Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts: A Proposal for Wisconsin*.
- University of Wisconsin, B.S.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Wisconsin

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Chicago Bar Association
- Mark frequently gives presentations to clients and third-party administrators on emerging coverage, commercial law and tort issues.

NOTABLE DECISIONS

- *BNSF Ry. v. Gilster-Mary Lee Corp.*, No. 15-cv-250-JPG-SCW, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 85332 (S.D. Ill. June 30, 2016)
- *Wisconsin Pharmacal Co. LLC v. Nebraska Cultures of California Inc. et al.*, case numbers 2013AP613 and 2013AP687, in the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.
- *Mayhew v. Alterra Excess & Surplus Ins. Co.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8453 (D. Vt. 2012)
- *Sam Boyd, et. al. v. Alterra Excess & Surplus Ins. Co.*, (Galveston County, Tex. 2011)
- *Guerriero v. Merit Lincoln Park, LLC*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 84910 (N.D. Ill. 2008)
- *Westchester Fire Ins. Co. v. Admiral Ins. Co.*, 152 S.W.3d 172 (Ct. App. Tex. 2d Dist., Fort Worth 2004)
- *Roberts v. Naperville Community Unit School Dist. 233*, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22129 (N.D. Ill. 2004)