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SPECIAL COUNSEL

Overview

As a founding member of the firm, Larry opened the firm's doors in 1997 and has continued to play a key role in its growth from 50 lawyers to now more than 250. This broad institutional knowledge provided the critical foundation needed to lead the firm to future growth and continued evolution.

Larry was instrumental in supporting the development of our Committee for Diversity and Inclusion and the firm's women's initiative whose missions are to recruit, mentor and retain a culturally rich, collaborative and inclusive working environment. As the leader of the firm's executive committee, Larry ensured that the firm carried out its strategic vision to earn the trust of our growing client base, attract new legal talent and became trusted advisors for business leaders.

Larry spent more than 40 years litigating complex commercial issues in state and federal courts. He had an exceptional success rate in the courtroom, trying in excess of 100 cases to jury verdict in a wide variety of areas over the course of his career. Plaintiff's attorneys were never happy to meet Larry in the courtroom. Larry's reputation has been shaped by many significant victories and he is well respected by his peers, staff and clients.

Experience

Represented a Property Owner in a Premises Liability and Landlord / Tenant Action

Defended a National Restaurant Franchisor in a Discrimination Lawsuit

Successfully Defended an Insurance Company in an Underinsured Motorist Lawsuit

EDUCATION

IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 1983, *high honors*

Illinois State University, B.A., 1980, *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Supreme Court of the United States

Defense Verdict in a Four-Day Retrial of a Gender Discrimination Case

Membership & Involvement

- USLAW: Board of Directors (2018); Co-Chair, Managing Partners Subcommittee (2009-2016)
- Firm Managing Partner Emeritus
- Member: Amundsen Davis Executive Committee; Defense Research Institute (DRI); Illinois Defense Counsel
- Certified Mediator: Extensive training in mediation techniques and negotiation strategies at the Center for Conflict Resolution
- Committee Member: Preparing Lawyers Subcommittee of IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law Strategic Planning Committee
- Ravinia Green Country Club: Club President (2025-2026); Board of Governors

Honors

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated
- Selected by the Leading Lawyers Network as a "Leading Lawyer" in personal injury defense law
- Selected to *BizTimes Media's* Wisconsin 275 List
- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers list: 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation: 2026
- Received O'Hagan Award: 2015

Firm News

130 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2026 in America
Firm News, August 21, 2025

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 21, 2025

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, January 25, 2024

Larry Schechtman Listed on *BizTimes Media's* 2022 Wisconsin 275
Firm News, *BizTimes Media*, January 5, 2023

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25 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 28, 2022

22 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 29, 2021

19 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 29, 2020

17 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 24, 2019

2015 O'Hagan Award for his dedication and service to the USLAW Network
Firm News, September 24, 2015

Illinois Super Lawyers & Illinois Rising Stars Names 17 Amundsen Davis Attorneys to 2015 List
Firm News, January 12, 2015

In the Media

Larry Schechtman Interviewed by *Buildings Smarter Facility Management* on Building Owner Liability

Larry Schechtman Mentioned in *The Indiana Lawyer*, "Disaster Plans Protect Attorneys, Files, Help Get Back To Normal"

Managing Partner Nurtures Niches - *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* Highlights Larry Schechtman

"The Business of Managing Lawyers" - Larry Schechtman Featured in Chicago-Kent Magazine

Speaking Engagements

USLAW Network Virtual Worldwide Retreat: 2021 and Beyond
USLAW Network, Webcast, September 30, 2020 - October 9, 2020

Published Works

Disaster plans protect attorneys, files, help get back to normal
The Indiana Lawyer, September 20, 2017