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PARTNER

Overview

Margaret isn't afraid of trying cases; she has been protecting the interests of business owners in and out of the courtroom for more than 15 years. She enjoys researching and marshaling evidence to advocate for a party, and is apt to recognize when a case should be considered for early resolution.

Margaret is a litigator whose representations typically include defending construction firms and apartment / condo owners and managers against all manner of claims. Margaret recently defeated citations issued against a building by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal following a fire that resulted in the death of a young woman. She also achieved summary judgment on behalf of a church alleged to have employed a reverend who previously engaged in a sexual relationship with a minor. She has tried numerous jury trials and has authored appellate briefs.

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Illinois State Bar Association; DRI
- Lead Regional Coordinator: TYLA National Trial Competition, 2004 and 2005

Honors

- Received Excellence In Pro Bono Service Award from United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2015
- Received Outstanding Defense Verdict Award from the Jury Verdict Reporter, 2024
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation: 2025
- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2013, 2014, 2015
- Received Chicago-Kent College of Law Young Alumni Award, 2008

SERVICES

Construction

General Liability

Product Liability

Transportation & Logistics

EDUCATION

IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 1999

Northwestern University, B.A., 1996

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Firm News

93 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2025 in America
Firm News, August 15, 2024

Illinois Super Lawyers & Illinois Rising Stars Names 17 Amundsen Davis Attorneys to 2015 List

Firm News, January 12, 2015

Illinois Super Lawyers & Illinois Rising Stars Names 12 Amundsen Davis Attorneys to 2013 List

January 3, 2013

Alerts

Defense of COVID-19 Bodily Injury Litigation in Illinois

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