

Ruth E. Robinson

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PARTNER

Overview

Ruth puts 110 percent into any project she handles for a client. Successfully resolving matters in and out of the courtroom since 1991, Ruth has led matters to verdict in seven northwest Illinois counties. She has handled more than 60 arbitration hearings, numerous bench trials, and dozens of dispositive motions with favorable resolutions.

Currently, Ruth handles general litigation matters, including breach of contract, contested probate matters, guardianship cases, and decedent estates. Her services also extend to the agribusiness industry. In addition to counseling on general liability matters, she is experienced at representing clients facing issues in renewable energy option/lease negotiations (wind and solar), drainage disputes, land use and contract disputes, utility easements (pipeline, high voltage lines, and cell towers), family farm estate and trust disputes, agricultural spills, and crop damage matters.

In addition to litigation, Ruth is a skilled arbitrator and mediator. She arbitrates binding cases for the Winnebago County Mandatory Arbitration Program.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Ruth was a practicing critical care nurse.

Outside of the office, Ruth devotes her time to hiking, yardwork, native plant gardening, Eastern Bluebird nest box monitoring, bird watching, and feral cat rescuing. She participates in the Audubon Society's annual Christmas and spring bird counts.

Experience

Serves As Outside General Counsel to a Major Midwest Agribusiness

SERVICES

Agribusiness

Business Litigation

Health Care

Trusts, Estates & Succession Planning

EDUCATION

IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 1991

IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, Environmental Law Certificate

Northern Illinois University, B.S. in Nursing, 1984

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Illinois State Bar Association (Agricultural Law Section Council, 2017 - 2022, 2024 - Present; Elder Law Section Council 2024 - Present; Mental Health Law Section Council, 2025 - Present); American Arbitration Association's Illinois Uninsured Motorist Panel Arbitrator; The Illinois Farm Bureau; Grain and Feed Association of Illinois
- GAL Subcommittee: Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Elder Law: 2023, 2024
- Board Member: Illinois Guardianship Association: Secretary, 2021 - Present
- Winnebago County Bar Association: Estate Section Vice Chair, 2017 - 2018; Chair, Trial and Appellate Committee, 2013 - 2014; Chair, Law Practice Management Committee, 2010 - 2011; Vice Chair, Law Practice Management Committee, 2009 - 2010; Board of Directors, 2008 - 2011

Honors

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated
- Received the 17th Circuit Professionalism and Civility Award, Winnebago County Bar Association
- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers list: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Firm News

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

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

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

Ruth Robinson Receives Professionalism and Civility Award
Winnebago County Bar Association, June 6, 2019

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

26 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2017 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 13, 2017

27 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers and 2016 Illinois Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 8, 2016

Illinois Super Lawyers & Illinois Rising Stars Names 25 Amundsen Davis Attorneys to 2015 List

Firm News, January 12, 2015

Alerts

Rural Illinois Data Center Boom: Landowners, Are You Ready?

Be Wary of Court-Ordered Settlement Apportionment

Speaking Engagements

Supported Decision Maker vs POA vs Limited Guardianship

Speaking Engagement, Illinois Guardianship Association Conference; Chicago IL, April 30, 2025

Assessing the Respondent's Best Interests in Guardianship Proceedings: The Roles of APS, OSG and the Court

Illinois Guardianship Association, Webcast, October 29, 2020

Solar Energy: Guide to Solar Leases/Easements

Northern Illinois Farm & Land Brokers Meeting, May 10, 2018

The Public Guardian / OSG's Statutory Obligation to Monitor Wards

Illinois Guardianship Association's Spring Conference; Chicago, IL, May 10, 2017

Published Works

Rural Illinois Data Center Boom: Landowners, Are You Ready?

Publication, *Illinois Bar Journal*, July 2025

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