

# Thomas J. Lyman, III

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## SPECIAL COUNSEL

### Overview

After 37 years as a trial lawyer, Tom Lyman still gets a thrill out of giving the closing argument. The first time he stepped into a courtroom was to observe a trial at Daley Center in Chicago. He knew immediately he wanted to be a lawyer. Since then there have been a number of memorable moments in court, including a \$0 defense verdict for his client in a hand amputation case where the plaintiff asked for \$3.4 million, as well as a settlement for \$220,000 at the close of a trial in a toxic tort lead paint case where the plaintiff's attorney asked the jury to award \$44 million for the injuries. Tom still enjoys listening to (and learning from) the jury's comments after his trials about their thought process and the reasoning of their decisions.

Tom defends clients facing various litigation matters, such as personal injury and property damage in trucking accidents, construction accidents, construction defects, toxic torts, Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), nursing homes and assisted living facilities, automobile litigation, product liability, professional liability, premises-related litigation and commercial litigation. He also handles cases involving discrimination, false arrest, and malicious prosecution. Tom manages the case from start to the conclusion, either by trial or a successful settlement.

In addition to his legal practice, Tom is involved with Gilda's Club of Chicago, a national cancer support organization. He speaks to medical students at local hospitals on the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

### Experience

Obtained Not Guilty Verdict on an Issue of Agency

Settled Case Involving Lead Paint For Significantly Less Than Ask

### SERVICES

Construction

Health Care

Litigation & Trial Review Panel

Transportation & Logistics

### EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1987

College of the Holy Cross, B.A., 1980

### ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Supreme Court of the United States

Successfully Defended an Owner and Operator of a Crane in a Personal Injury Case

Represented a Designer and Manufacturer of a Display Where an Individual Fell and Sustained a Fatal Traumatic Brain Injury

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### Membership & Involvement

- Member: Illinois State Bar Association; Illinois Defense Trial Counsel; American Bar Association; Northern District of Illinois Trial Bar
- Member: Holy Cross Lawyers Association
- Co-Chair: Amundsen Davis's Trial Evaluation Committee
- Instructor: Amundsen Davis Trial Academy and weekly training seminars for new Amundsen Davis attorneys

### Honors

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated
- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers list: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

### Firm News

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

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

### Alerts

A Year With *Mallory*: Revisiting The Concept of Consenting to General Personal Jurisdiction

Trucking Industry Take Note: The Debate Over Side Underride Guards Pushes On

## Speaking Engagements

Litigation Trends and Updates in the Nursing Home, Memory Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Speaking Engagement, LeadingAge General Counsel Conference, Seminar; Skokie, IL, September 21, 2023

Litigation 101

Speaking Engagement, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance ("CLM"), October 5, 2022

Negotiating Strategies for Claims Professional

Speaking Engagement, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance ("CLM"), September 14, 2022

Stop the Great Resignation - Strategies for Reducing Law Firm Turnover

Thomson Reuters, Seminar, March 16, 2022

"Doctor Depositions"

Presented by Illinois Institute For Continuing Legal Education (IILCE); Chicago, IL

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