

Thomas J. Lyman, III

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OF 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.

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

SERVICES

Construction

Health Care

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

- Instructor: Amundsen Davis Trial Academy and weekly training seminars for new Amundsen Davis attorneys

Honors

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Litigation - Insurance: 2026
- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers list: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

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Firm News

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

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

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 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