



# Michael A. Stick

Michael has spent more than 35 years litigating complex commercial disputes across the country and is known by clients for his ability to successfully resolve a wide variety of matters. He possesses a depth of experience conducting trials in federal and state courts, as well as evidentiary hearings involving motions for preliminary injunctions and other preliminary requests for relief.

Having litigated scores of different types of matters across a number of industries, Michael is adept at evaluating claims in the early stages of litigation to determine the most effective and efficient case strategy for his clients.

Michael has handled disputes involving fraud and unfair business practices, trademark and trade secret theft, restrictive covenants, breach of contract claims, professional liability, and environmental issues. He has also defended corporate clients in state and federal grand jury investigations arising out of alleged violations of the federal antitrust laws, the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act. In addition to litigating matters in court, Michael has conducted arbitrations before the American Arbitration Association, National Association of Securities Dealers, and private arbitration panels and trials before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Michael has also successfully mediated cases before private and court appointed mediators.

## Representative Matters

- Obtained an injunction in California on behalf of a publicly traded manufacturer of business forms prohibiting a former employee from soliciting business from the client's customers and from using or disclosing the client's trade secrets or propriety information.
- Enforced an arbitration panel's interim final award and obtained a judgment on behalf of plaintiff, a reinsurance pool manager, for the recovery of \$7 million of defendant's assets held in trust by a Chicago bank; overcame the defendants' contentions that the trust funds were exempt from attachment and that the federal court

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## EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 1981

Davidson College, B.A., 1976

## SERVICES

### Reinsurance Litigation & Arbitration

#### Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- Intellectual property litigation
- Environmental litigation
- Non-competition and trade secrets litigation
- Arbitration and mediation
- Insurance litigation
- Professional liability

### Environmental

### Business Competition, Advice & Litigation

- Non-compete, non-solicitation, non-recruitment and non-disclosure agreements

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Chicago Bar Association



should abstain since the Ohio Department of Insurance had placed the defendant reinsurer in liquidation; argued the matter before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and prevailed.

- Obtained a permanent injunction on behalf of manufacturer of brand name mattresses prohibiting the defendant retail mattress chain from holding itself out as a former authorized dealer, from displaying, using or demonstrating the client's mattress coils to the public, and from making false statements to the public regarding the quality of the client's products.
- Successfully defended a major Chicago law firm against claims of professional liability in an action involving alleged damages in excess of \$1.4 million.
- Successfully defended the principal respondents in an action before the Illinois Pollution Control Board alleging violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and seeking a \$13.5 million soil removal remedy; settled the case after six days of trial at the close of the complainant's case in chief on terms that did not require the removal of the soil and allowed the clients to continue, and expand, their mining operations on the site.

#### **Bar Admissions**

Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)

#### **Publications**

- "The perils of calling your opponent as a witness in your case," *Corporate Counsel*, December 2013

#### **Honors | Awards**

- *Illinois Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>
- *Leading Lawyers*, Commercial Litigation
- Martindale-Hubbell<sup>®</sup>, AV Preeminent

#### **Community**

- On Your Feet Foundation, Board of Directors, 2010-2016
- Chicago United Way Crusade of Mercy, former Chairman of the Special Gifts Division