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RICHARD W. WARNER, Esq.

Practice Areas:

- Real Estate
- Estate Planning (Wills / Trusts)
- Workers' Compensation
- General Liability
- Personal Injury
- Labor and Employment
- Professional Negligence
- Medical Malpractice

Mr. Warner has assisted individuals & families in the purchase or sale of their homes, advised on difficult estate plans, and prosecuted complex personal injury claims in addition to offering a full range of services to businesses, unions, municipalities, self-insured employers, and insurance companies. He has tried cases in various State and Federal Courts in Chicago and the surrounding communities in Illinois and litigated and/or settled hundreds of cases over his career.

Rick regularly practices before the Circuit and Appellate Courts of Illinois, the Federal Northern District Court of Illinois, the United States 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, the Illinois Labor Relations Board, the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, and Alternative Dispute Resolution venues.

Mr. Warner is an active member of the various professional organizations of which he has become affiliated. He's given numerous speeches and presentations and is an active member of his community. In his free time, he enjoys playing the violin and guitar, golfing, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with his wife, daughter, and friends.

Licensure

- Illinois Supreme Court, 2006
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2011
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2011

Professional Memberships and Associations (partial list)

- Illinois Bar Association
- DuPage County Bar Association
- City Club of Chicago
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS)

Articles and Publications (partial list)

- CFPB Rules and Regulations
- Comparison of 6.0/6.1 Real Estate Contract
- Various Real Estate articles for firm newsletter
- Comparison of 5.0/6.0 Real Estate Contract
- Estate Planning Basics
- How to Fund Your Trust
- Rules of the Road - Breach of Contract in Real Estate Transactions
- "United States Supreme Court Defines "Supervisor" For The Purposes of Employment Discrimination and Harassment Litigation," Labor & Employment Law Newsletter
- "Plaintiff Must Prove "But-For" Cause Adverse in Retaliation Claims Under Title VII," Labor & Employment Law Newsletter
- "Mental Injury: When It Is Just Everyday Stress?" Illinois Workers' Compensation Newsletter
- "Illinois Appellate Court Holds Defendant Entitled To Coverage For Premises Liability Suit Under Plaintiff's Own Automobile Policy," General Liability Update

Notable Decisions and Settlements

- Jury Verdict, successfully defended Railroad and Municipality against unconstitutional taking's claims, argued at State and Federal District and Appellate Courts, published in various Reporters.
- Jury Verdict, successfully defended Hospital and Dr. against malpractice complaint, submitted for publication in Cook County Verdict Reporter.
- Complete dismissal of personal injury suit, successfully argued motion for summary judgment on issue of agency, published in Cook County Verdict Reporter.
- Jury Verdict, successfully defended personal injury claim where jury awarded 3% of original demand, submitted for publication in the Cook County Verdict Reporter.
- Arbitration Trial Award, successfully reduced Petitioner's workers' compensation demand by over 55%.
- Workers' Compensation Commission (Appellate) Decision, successfully argued against the Arbitration trial award of fees and penalties.
- Administrative Hearing, successfully defended a Dentist before the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.
- Obtained successful settlement in prosecution of breach of contract, unjust enrichment, conversion, consumer fraud, violation of wage payment and collection act claims on behalf of trucking company employee.
- Obtained successful settlement of grave personal injury claims on behalf of a customer/business invitee of national pizza chain.
- Obtained successful settlement of complex personal injury claims on behalf of multiple motorists in direct actions and actions for uninsured motorist coverage.

Education

- J.D., The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL, 2006
- B.A., Illinois State University, Normal, IL, 2001

Awards and Recognitions

- 2016 Super Lawyer Rising Star, Thompson Reuters, Chicago Magazine, Illinois Super Lawyer Magazine
- 2015 Emerging Lawyer, Law Bulletin, Leading Lawyers Magazine
- 2015 Super Lawyer Rising Star, Thompson Reuters, Chicago Magazine, Illinois Super Lawyer Magazine

Seminars and Presentations (partial list)

- Created and run a monthly "Panel at the Pub" regional real estate professionals networking group
- CFPB Rules and Regulations, Naperville, IL
- Real Estate 101, Downers Grove, IL
- Ask an Attorney Anything: Your Most Pressing Workers' Compensation Questions ANSWERED, Chicago, IL
- Premises Liability Primer, CLM Alliance, Schaumburg, IL
- Hot Topics in Illinois Workers' Compensation Law, Underwriters Ins., Naperville, IL
- Mock Arbitration Presentation, CLM/REBEX, Wheeling, IL
- Mock Trial Presentation, Kemper Ins., Charlotte, N.C.
- Top 10 Misconceptions About Illinois Premises Liability, ARGO Ins., Portland, OR
- Mechanic's Lien Enforcement, General Contractors Association of the Chicago Western Suburbs
- 5 Mistakes Retailers Make in Litigation (And How to Avoid Them), CLM Alliance, Anaheim, CA
- Construction Law Basics, Wheaton, IL