



JAMES D. WILSON

Shareholder

James D. Wilson has a special emphasis in his litigation practice on commercial and complex securities, derivative and professional negligence cases. Jim has extensive trial experience in state and federal courts as well as in administrative proceedings.

He has defended a number of major law firms in attorney malpractice actions, partnership dissolution disputes and with regard to internal governance issues. In addition, Jim has an extensive background in representing both individual board members and corporations in derivative and securities litigation.

Jim began his legal career as a law clerk for Justice Glenn K. Seidenfeld of the Illinois Appellate Court, Second District. For the next ten years, he was the Court Administrator for the Circuit Court of Cook County, the largest single trial court in the United States, and served as general counsel to the Chief Judge of the Court. Prior to joining Shefsky & Froelich, Jim worked closely with his partners, accomplished trial attorneys in a Chicago litigation boutique. His experience and credentials grew to include defending against class action litigation (as he did in the Salmonella Class in Cook County), prosecuting and defending corporate and partnership dissolutions, malpractice cases and other business and insurance litigation matters.

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Practice Groups & Industry Areas

Litigation

EDUCATION

JD, 1978, Illinois Institute of Technology--Chicago

- Kent College of Law, *with high honors*
- Member, *Chicago-Kent Law Review*

BS, 1973, Oregon State University

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois and Supreme Court of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (including Trial Bar)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Chicago Bar Association

- Past Member, Board of Managers
- Past Chair, Young Lawyers' Section

American Judicature Society

- Member, Board of Directors

Academy of Court Appointed Masters

- Member

Leadership positions in a number of local government organizations, including:

Trustee, Village of Kenilworth, 2003-2005

Board of Education, Illinois School District No. 38, 1988 to 1995,
President 1993-1995

SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

Presentation to the American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section at the 6th National Institute on Gaming Enforcement, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 7-8, 2002

Participation in a Seminar sponsored by Navigant Consulting Group on the Sarbanes-Oxley Act regarding corporate liability in the manner in which it conducts itself, March 8-9, 2005 in Chicago and Rosemont

Jim has written an extensive number of articles and treatises on topics related to litigation. Among them are:

“Prevention Helps Insulate Directors From Liability,”
The National Law Journal, July 25, 1994.

“Prejudgment Interest in Personal Injury, Wrongful Death and Other Actions,” 30 Trial Lawyer’s Guide 105 (1986).

"The Sun Sets on the C.A.B.,"
14 Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers Journal 6 (1985).

"Treble Damages and Attorney Fees Under Civil RICO,"
28 Trial Lawyer’s Guide 55 (1984).

“Air Carrier Baggage Loss Cases in a Regulated and Unregulated Environment,” 28 Trial Lawyer’s Guide 440 (1985).

"Discovery and Depositions, Civil Practice Before Trial,"
IICLE (1978, 1983, 1985).

“Rules Pertaining to Discoverability of Expert Opinion Evidence in Federal Court,” 27 Trial Lawyer’s Guide

RECENT REPRESENTATIONS

Jim recently served as Special Master in two matters: *Smith v. Sprint* and *In re: Waste Management Securities Litigation* and *SEC v. Koenig*. He was also appointed Special Advisor to the Court in *SEC v. Buntrock, et al.*

Sax v. Sax,
(First District, Illinois) Case No. 98-1965.

List v. List,
(First District, Illinois) Case No. 97-1344.

Merrill v. Trump Indiana,
(Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals) Case No. 02-2523.

County of Cook v. AT&T,
(Circuit Court of Cook County), 2006

Medinformatix v. Midwest Heart
(USDC Central District of California), 2006