

## MICHAEL ROTHMANN

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

#### ***Rothman Law***, Barrington, Illinois (June 2023 – present)

Owner of full-service law firm, handling personal injury, medical, dental and legal malpractice, nursing home negligence, premises liability, construction matters, Police Disability hearings and workers compensation cases. Tried and handled numerous cases, administrative hearings, arbitrations, mediations, and Appellate Court hearings. Arbitrator in UM/UM cases.

#### ***Buckley and Fine***, Barrington, Illinois (June 2023-present)

Of-Counsel attorney handling and consulting the firm on personal injury, nursing home negligence, premises liability, construction injuries, civil litigation and workers compensation cases.

#### ***Law Office of Martin L. Glink***, Arlington Heights, Illinois – (June 2000-June 2023)

Senior Litigation attorney – personal injury, medical, dental, and legal malpractice, nursing home negligence, premises liability, class action, pharmaceutical torts, construction matters, Police Disability Claims and workers compensation cases. Tried and handled numerous cases, administrative hearings, arbitrations, mediations, and Appellate Court hearings. Arbitrator in UM/UM cases. Secured millions for injured persons through trial and settlement.

Awarded Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Illinois, The National Trial Lawyers, July 2021-present

Noteworthy cases:

*Byrne and Jackson v. Fraternal Order of Police (Chicago) et al*, 2003-2020 - Obtained a \$3.5 million verdict in a class action against telemarketers who advised the public that their donations would benefit programs for disabled Chicago police officers and families of officers killed in the line of duty, yet none of the money was used for those purposes. Instead, the telemarketers received 80% and the FOP received 20% for political donations, golfing, and fishing tournaments.

*Kelly v. Retirement Board of Policemen's Annuity and Pension Fund of the City of Chicago* (2023) Appellate court held that Circuit Court, not the Police Pension Board determines attorneys fees for successful appeals after a Board denial of duty disability claim.

\$1,500,000 construction injury case for client who suffered significant injuries after walking under a scaffold erected too low in a stairway.

\$1,250,000 in construction site injury for client who suffered a broken ankle after tripping at site trailer

\$575,000 for condo resident who slipped and fell on ice breaking ankle in front of condo.

\$550,000 worker's compensation settlement for permanent disability from back injuries.

\$492,500 workers compensation settlement for client injured at work resulting in left foot RSD.

*Baycol mass tort litigation v. Johnson & Johnson* – obtained \$450,000 settlement in MDL for adverse effects caused by the cholesterol lowering drug.

\$350,000 in nursing home malpractice case against nursing home after 75 year old patient fell out of bed suffering a non-life threatening subdural hematoma.

1983 *Civil rights case against Chicago Police Officers*, for repeated harassment and arrest of an African American, after initially claiming he was playing his music too loud in his car, which did not have a radio, then arresting him on 2 other occasions (once after planting drugs on him).

\$700,832.64 in workers compensation case for client who fell at work which caused his congenital ankylosing spondylitis to reactivate.

\$152,000 in food poisoning case for client who ate contaminated fish.

\$130,000 in workers compensation case for employee who suffered burn which aggravated her muscular sclerosis.

\$119,000 Public Safety Officer Disability Benefit Award for Chicago Police Officer, one of the first police officers in the nation to receive such an award for duty related fibromyalgia.

\$90,000 in dental malpractice case for client who was fitted with 3 maxillary implants despite not being an appropriate candidate for such procedures.

\$65,000 for female inmate in custody of Sheriff of Cook County who was not treated in a timely manner during a miscarriage.

***Romanucci and Blandin***, Chicago, Illinois – (June 1998 to June 2000)

Senior Litigation attorney handling personal injury, medical malpractice, premises liability, civil rights, Chicago Police Disability hearings, Social Security Disability and workers compensation cases. Settled and tried numerous cases, securing millions for injured persons.

***Kreiter, Byck & Associates***, Chicago Illinois (March 1997-June 1998)

Litigation attorney handling personal injury, medical malpractice, premises liability, civil rights, Chicago Police Disability hearings, Social Security Disability and workers compensation cases. Settled and tried numerous cases, securing millions for injured persons.

Noteworthy Case:

*Johnson v. Retirement Board of Policemen's Annuity and Pension Fund, Chicago, 1-97-3428 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 6/29/98)(first duty pension awarded to officer for injury caused by fibromyalgia)*

***Eich and Franklin***, Chicago, Illinois – Associate/law school clerk (May 1995-March 1997)

## **EDUCATION:**

***Chicago Kent College of Law***, Chicago, Illinois – JD (May 1996)

Winner of Constitutional Law American Jurisprudence Award

***State University of New York at Binghamton***, Binghamton, New York – BA (May 1993)

*Major:* Environmental Studies; *Minor:* Economics

## **LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS:**

Illinois (1996-present)

United States N.D. of Illinois (1996-present)

United States N.D. of Illinois Trial Bar (11/15/2011-present)

DC Court of Appeal (1997-2014)

Supreme Court of United States (2007-2013)

Arbitrator Chair for Mandatory Arbitration Program of Cook County, Illinois

Licensed by Supreme Court of Illinois (10/19/2007-present)

Fred Lane Trial Technique Certificate, June 10, 2003

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Northwest Suburban Bar Association (2000 to present)

President (June 2018 to 2020)

Established Attorney Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Courthouse (Sept. 2018)

Established Veteran's Committee

Established the Ernie Blomquist Lawyer to Lawyer Mentorship Program

Establish new fee structure for NWSBA members with unlimited free CLEs (Nov. 2018)

1st Vice President (June 2017 to 2018)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (June 2016 to 2017)

Treasurer (June 2015 to 2016)

Secretary (June 2013 to June 2015)

Board of Governor (2008 to 2013)

Diversity Committee Co-Chair (2021 to present)

Mentorship Committee creator and Chair (2019 to 2021)

Veteran Committee creator and co-chair (2019-2021)

Judicial Evaluation Committee (2002 to present)

Civil Litigation Committee Chairperson (2007-2010) (co-chair from 2010 to 2018)

Dinner Meeting Co-Chairperson (2010 to 2014)

On-line CLE Exploratory Committee, Co-Chair (2013-2016)

Suburban Bar Coalition (judicial screening for Cook County retention judges) (2010-present)

President 2020-present

Decalogue Society (2007 to present)

Board of Governors (June 2013 to present)

Mentorship Committee Co-Chair (2019 to present)

Judicial Evaluation Committee (2007 to present)

Law Student/New Attorney Mentor (2013-present)

Anti-Semitism Committee Co-Chair (2014-2016)

7<sup>th</sup> District E-Discovery Pilot Program (2011-2019)

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (1997 to present)

Medical Negligence Committee

Amicus Curiae Committee

American Association for Justice (AAJ) (1997 to present)

Baycol Litigation Group (2006-2008)

Darvon/Darvocet Litigation Group

3M Combat Earplugs Litigation Group

Motor Vehicle, Highway and Premises Liability Section (2013-present)

Illinois State Bar Association (June 2000-July 2009, May 2011-July 2012, March 2015 to present)

Tort Law Section Council, workers compensation chair (2023-present)

Workers Compensation Law Section (2023 - present)

Civil Practice and Procedure (2015-present)

DePaul University Center for Jewish and Judaic Studies, Advisory Committee (2018-present)

Chicago Bar Association – (1997 to present)

Racial Justice Coalition – NWSBA liaison (2022 to present)

DC Bar (1997 to 2013)

Workers Compensation Lawyers Association (intermittently 2011 - present)

Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening (2008 - present)

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Disabling On Duty Injuries: What Benefits are Police Officers Entitled to? NWSBA Webinar, Feb. 4, 2021

Free Speech and Anti-Semitism – Max’s Deli, Deerfield, September 2017

Civil Rights Act - Title VI, hate speech and Anti-Semitism, Presentation to Northwestern University AEP Fraternity, April 2017

Attorney Client Privilege and the Control Group, NWSBA (April 22, 2013)

Medicare Set Asides on Liability Cases – NWSBA (October 11, 2011)

The Significance of *Waldorf Corp. v. Industrial Comm’n*, National Fibromyalgia Day, Chicago, Ill (May 1999)

FOX 32, 32 This Week with Wanda Wells, Legal Issues facing Fibromyalgia Patients, November 26, 2000,

Proving fibromyalgia in personal injury and workers compensation cases, Chicago, Ill (May, 2005)

Moderator – legal seminar – Fibromyalgia in Social Security Disability, Insurance Disability and Civil Rights Matters, Matteson, Ill (May 2007)

CLE presentation NWSBA mega CLE, June 14, 2008

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Breaking Through Implicit Gender Bias in Legal Profession, NWSBA Newsbriefs, June, 2019

Letter to Illinois Supreme Court and AIOC to investigate whether our professional ethics rules on professional misconduct include sexual harassment, NWSBA May 2019

Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society, NWSBA Newsbriefs, May 2019

Hate Speech vs Free Speech in Public Schools, NWSBA Newsbriefs, Jan. 2019

Lawyers Helping Lawyers Fight Addiction and Mental Health Issues, NWSBA, Sept. 2018

Environmental Impact Statement for the Broome County Economic and Planning Department, Binghamton, NY (published in the 1993 NY Job Bond Act)

Request to Admit and Vision Point, NWSBA Civil Litigation Meeting, February 12, 2008

Injury Biomechanics, Proving or Refuting How Injuries Occur, summary NWSBA Newsbriefs, October 2009

Status on E-Discovery in Federal and State Court, NWSBA Newsbriefs, September 2010

**ACTIVITIES:**

Volunteer Judge for Mediation program, John Marshall Law School, 10/26/2007

Founding Member and legal advisor, Fibromyalgia Association Created for Education and Self Help, Inc., a non-for profit 501(c)(3) organization (1998-2007)

Co-Chair of Maccabee Legal Clinic for Beth Tikvah Congregation: Helped institute pro bono legal assistant program for those in need (2012-2014)

Co-Chair Membership Retention Committee, Beth Tikvah Congregation (2011-2013)

Barrington Area Soccer Assoc (BASA) Soccer Coach, 2006-2022

Chai Lifeline Marathon Runner – raising money for children with life threatening diseases (2013)