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Practices & Industries

- Commercial Disputes
- Construction Disputes
- Employment Law
- Industry-wide Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Personal Injury & Property Damage
- Product Liability
- Subrogation & Insurance Recovery

Overview

Jason is a partner in the Civil Litigation practice based in Wiedner & McAuliffe's Chicago office. A seasoned litigator, Jason has a broad-based state and federal civil litigation practice. He defends employers, contractors, manufacturers, distributors, and insurers in claims involving employment litigation, construction and complex tort litigation, class action and industry-wide litigation, and insurance coverage. Jason also maintains a national subrogation practice. Under his leadership, Wiedner & McAuliffe's subrogation group has recovered millions of dollars for clients throughout the United States.

Jason frequently presents on a variety of topics, including employment, insurance, and subrogation issues to clients, and various legal and professional groups.

Credentials

Education

- J.D., honors, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 1997
- B.A., with distinction, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1993

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

Affiliations

- American Bar Association (Labor and Employment, Tort, and Litigation Sections)
- Chicago Bar Association (Labor and Employment Committee)
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

Notable Decisions

- ***City of Chicago v. Beretta U.S.A. Corp., et al.*, 213 Ill.2d 351, 821 N.E.2d 1099 (2004)**: Jason helped defeat an industry-wide lawsuit against manufacturers, distributors and retailers that sought compensation for law enforcement and medical expenditures allegedly incurred on the basis of gun violence. The Illinois Supreme Court affirmed the Cook County Circuit Court's dismissal.
- ***Ross v. Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Chicago***: Jason defeated a retaliatory discharge claim brought by an employee against his employer via a successful motion for summary judgment.
- ***Liberty Mutual v. Zygi Construction et al.***: Jason obtained a judgment of no coverage in favor of insurer in declaratory judgment action involving a claim for damages in excess of one million dollars.
- ***Lowell v. Oswego Excavation***: Jason helped defeat a claim of *respondeat superior* against a contractor following a catastrophic truck accident involving legal exposure in excess of one million dollars. Jason assumed responsibility for a motion for summary judgment that successfully resolved the litigation in favor of the defendant prior to trial to avoid protracted litigation costs to the client. The decision was then affirmed on appeal.
- ***Gonzalez v. Screw Machine Engineering***: Jason successfully obtained a dismissal of a charge of discrimination at the Illinois Department of Human Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.