



## Ronald D. Menna, Jr.

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Ronald is a principal at Fischel Kahn.

Companies and individuals come to Ron when they encounter business problems, from breaches of contract, to partnership disputes, to seeking or preventing injunctions. Clients also turn to him when they are unhappy with the results from state and federal trial courts.

Ron also advises associations on all legal issues relating to association living, from formation to day-to-day operational issues. He has represented associations for more than 20 years.

Ron's primary areas of practice are civil appeals, commercial litigation and chancery actions, condominium and common interest community (townhome) associations, and he represents a wide variety of individuals and corporate clients, as well as banks, corporate fiduciaries, and individuals in guardianship proceedings.

While litigation is rarely in a client's best interest, should it ensue he will zealously advocate for his clients while remaining mindful of the nuances of each situation.

He has extensive trial experience in both State and Federal Courts and has successfully argued before the Illinois Appellate Court and the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ron's commercial litigation matters have included contract, labor, ERISA, bankruptcy, mortgage foreclosures, breach of guaranty, replevin, attorney malpractice defense, injunctions, accounting, partition, partnership dissolution, mechanics liens, probate, zoning variances, quiet title, and collection matters.

## Member

- Illinois State Supreme Court Committee on Character & Fitness, Second District 2015-2020.
- Illinois State Bar Association, Civil Practice & Procedure Committee Member 2012-Present; Secretary 2017-2018; Vice-Chair 2018-2019; Chair 2019-2020; Allerton House Conference Chair 2019; Allerton House Conference Chair 2023; Real Estate Law Section Council 2024-Present; Standing Committee on AI 2024-Present.
- DuPage County Bar Association, Chair, Appellate Law & Practice Committee 2011-2012; 2016-2017; Chair Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee 2018-2019, Director 2020-2026; Chair, AI Committee (2023-Present).
- DuPage Bar Association Fee Dispute Resolution Committee Chair 2018-2019.

- DuPage Bar Foundation 2016-2020; President 2018-2019.
- Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association, Board of Directors Member (2nd Appellate District) 2018- 2020; 2022-2024 (3rd Appellate District); Co-Chair, Rules Committee 2023-Present; Co-Chair, AI Committee (2023-Present).

## Professional Honors

**Ron has been appointed for the second year by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve on its Committee on Character and Fitness for the Second Judicial District.**

**He is regularly asked to speak to groups on a wide range of topics, including legal ethics, civil appeals, and commercial litigation. Ron also regularly pens articles for the Illinois State Bar Association and the DuPage County Bar Association.**

**In 2018, Ron was appointed by Judge Wheaton of the 18th Judicial Circuit as the Trustee-In-Dissolution of the Highland Hill Sanitary District. The District was successfully dissolved in July 2019.**

**Ron has also been named an Illinois Super Lawyer.**

## Publications

- *Search and Seizure / Right to Privacy / Plain View Doctrine*, 75 Ill. Bar J. 690 (1987)
- *Follow the Money: The Partial Payment Doctrine and Unwritten Contracts*, 20 D.C.B.A. Brief 8 (2008), cited in *Delgado v. Capital Mgmt. Servs. LP*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 40796, \* 13 (C.D. Ill. Mar. 22, 2013)
- *Appellate Law Sidebar, DuPage County Bar Association Brief* (2010-2011)
- *Perception vs. Reality: Money in judicial elections*, 41 Bench & Bar, No. 4 (ISBA March 2011)
- "Strive Mightily": *Some Thoughts on Civility & the Illinois Bar*, 43 Bench & Bar, No. 9 (ISBA May 2013)
- *First District requires two years of continuous employment to enforce employee covenants not to compete: Fifield v. Premier Dealer Services, Inc.*, 2013 IL App (1st) 120327, 59 Trial Briefs, No. 2 (ISBA August 2013)
- *Pennsylvania Judge Takes A Bold Stand Against Unprofessional Conduct*, 46 Bench & Bar, No. 2 (ISBA September 2015); 61 Trial Briefs, No. 3 (ISBA October 2015)
- *Appellate Court Clarifies How to Properly Complete a Summons*, 61 Trial Briefs, No. 5 (ISBA December 2015)
- *Motions for Summary Affirmance in the Seventh Circuit, DCBA Brief, Vol. 26, issue 2* (October 2016)
- *Chicken Dinner Warrants Recusal? Not So Fast!* - 50 Bench & Bar, No. 6 (ISBA March 2020); 66 Trial Briefs, No. 5 (ISBA March 2020); 63 Commercial Banking, Collections and Bankruptcy, No. 3 (ISBA April 2020)
- *Quoted in Know Thy Witness*, 109 IBJ No. 2 (ISBA February 2021)
- *Ethical Practices in the Email Age: Courtesy Copy Emails to Judges*, 51 Bench & Bar, No. 7 (ISBA May 2021); 67 Trial Briefs, No. 9 (ISBA May 2021); 109 IBJ No. 6 (ISBA June 2021)
- *Ethical Practices in the Email Age: Rule of Professional Conduct 4.2 and 'Reply All' Emails*, 52 Bench & Bar, No. 2 (ISBA September 2021); 68 Trial Briefs, No. 3 (ISBA November 2021); 27 Elder Law, No. 4 (ISBA January 2022)
- *ISBA Allerton Conference 2023 - Technology and the Courts: Transforming the Delivery of Justice*, 69 Trial Briefs, No. 7 (ISBA April 2023)

- *The Death of the Best Evidence Rule, 70 Trial Briefs, No. 7 (ISBA May 2024)*
- *Ethical Practices in the Email Age Washington State Judge Bans AI Enhanced Video Evidence, 70 Trial Briefs, No. 8 (ISBA June 2024)*
- *Two Wrongs Do Not Make a Right: Illinois Adopts the 'Partial Breach' Doctrine, 70 Trial Briefs, No. 8 (ISBA June 2024)*

## Admissions

- The State of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- Trial Bar - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

## Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., 1988
- University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, B.A. Political Science and Economics, 1984

## Community Involvement

**Ron has been extensively involved in Wheaton, Illinois, his hometown. He has been an active member of the Milton Township Citizens Emergency Response Team since its inception in 2004.**

**Previously, Ron was on the Parish Pastoral Council of St. Michael's Church, served as an Assistant Scout Master for the Boy Scouts, and was a coach of grade school boys volleyball.**