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Professional Experience

Derico & Associates, P.C. Owner and Founding Partner	1992 - Present
Borg Warner Corporation In-House Corporate Counsel	1989 - 1992
Office of Corporation Counsel City of Chicago, Illinois Assistant Corporation Counsel Contracts and Commercial Law Group	1988 - 1989
Gardner, Carton & Douglas (n/k/a Drinker, Biddle & Reath) Associate	1985- 1988

Education

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D.	1985
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Earl Warren NAACP Legal ScholarshipU of Pennsylvania Law School Scholarship	
University of Notre Dame, BA - Government	1982
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Holy Cross AwardWilliam S. Baum Award	

Professional Affiliations

Chicago Bar Association

- Past Chair, Corporate Practices Group (YLS)

Ill. Sup. Ct. Committee for Civil Jury Instructions

Cook County Bar Association

Pro Bono and Civic Engagement

CVLS (Trinity U C.C. Legal Clinic)

- Provided legal assistance to over 100 individuals
- CVLS Distinguished Service Award 2009 & 2014

Chicago Public Schools Moot Court, Coach

Kipling School, Mentor

The Legacy Project of Chicago, Current Board Member

Notre Dame Club of Chicago

Career Summary

- A 30 year legal career that includes 25 years of effectively managing own firm
- Successfully represent individuals, small and medium businesses, and Fortune 500 companies in a wide variety of litigation and non-litigation matters
- Lead counsel and co-counsel before State and Federal Courts of Illinois, including every civil division of the Circuit Court of Cook County
- Briefed and successfully argued cases before Illinois Appellate Court and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Significant Cases

Uhlich Children's Advantage Network, et al v. National Union Fire Ins. Co. (AIG), made new law when the Illinois Appellate Court held for the first time that the estoppel doctrine, as it relates to late notice, applies to "claims-made" insurance policies.

Pryor v. Seyfarth, Shaw, et al, successfully appealed a federal district court's grant of summary judgment against a legal secretary's claim that a labor and employment law firm retaliated against her for complaining of sexual harassment in the workplace.

Patton v. Patton, represented client on a pro-bono basis, through CVLS, in a jury trial believed to be the first in Cook County that resulted in a defendant in a forcible action receiving an ownership interest in the subject property.

Admitted to Practice:

State of Illinois and U.S. District Court for Northern District of Illinois	1985
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit	2000
U.S. District Court Federal Trial Bar	2005
U.S. District Court for Northern District of Indiana	2014