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## Appeals

Representing a range of corporate and individual clients, our Attorneys have briefed and argued cases in federal and state courts. Advancing our client’s interests, we have pursued or defended appeals in many different matters across a range of subject areas including appeals of final decisions and interlocutory appeals. In addition to handling appeals of cases litigated by our firm’s attorneys, we are pleased to team with others on appellate matters consulting and advising on trials being handled by other firms. We prepare “friend of the court” briefs on important cases that shape the law and assist with post-trial mediation and other settlement activities. As a result of our extensive experience in navigating cases effectively through the courts, we are able to provide our clients with cost-effective and collaborative representation throughout the appeals process.

### Appeals Undertaken by Lawyers in Our Firm

- *Malacina v. Cook Cnty. Sheriff’s Merit Bd.*, 2021 IL App (1st) 191893 (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- *Vargas v. Dart*, 2021 IL App (1st) 200036-U (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- *Goral v. Dart*, 2020 IL 125085 (representing petitioner Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- *Wilson v. Dart*, 2020 IL App (1st) 191532-U (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- *Porter v. Cook Cnty. Sheriff’s Merit Bd.*, 2020 IL App (1st) 191266 (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- *Ruffin-Stanford v. Cnty. of Cook*, 2020 IL App (1st) 191264-U (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- *Rios v. Cook Cnty. Sheriff’s Merit Bd.*, 2020 IL App (1st) 191399 (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- *John Crane Inc. v. Allianz Underwriters Ins. Co.*, 2020 IL App (1st) 180223 (representing appellant John Crane Inc.)
- *Vargas v. Cook Cnty. Sheriff’s Merit Bd.*, 952 F.3d 871 (7th Cir. 2020) (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)

- United States v. Dish Network L.L.C., 954 F.3d 970 (7th Cir. 2020) (amicus brief on behalf of Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc.)
- Rinder v. Merck Sharp & Dhome Corp., Case Nos. 1-17-1969 & 1-17-1970, 2019 Ill. App. LEXIS 1032 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 19, 2019) (representing appellant Merck)
- Goral v. Dart, 2019 IL App (1st) 181646 (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- Schmidt v. Dart, 2019 IL App (1st) 182203-U (representing appellant Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- Acevedo v. Cook Cnty. Sheriff's Merit Bd., 2019 IL App (1st) 181128 (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- Cruz v. Dart, 2019 IL App (1st) 170915 (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- Rinder v. Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., 2019 IL App (1st) 171969 (Jan. 23, 2019) (representing appellant Merck)
- Lopez v. Dart, 2018 IL App (1st) 170733 (representing appellee Thomas Dart, Sheriff of Cook County)
- Weisskopf v. Marcus, 695 F. App'x 977 (7th Cir. 2017) (representing appellee Marcus)
- Wu v. Prudential Fin., Inc., 651 F. App'x 549 (7th Cir. 2016) (representing appellee Prudential Financial, Inc.)
- Price v. Philip Morris, Inc., 2015 IL 117687 (amicus brief on behalf of Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc.)
- Hunter v. PepsiCo, Inc., 631 F. App'x 445 (7th Cir. 2015) (representing appellee Pinnacle Foods Group, LLC.)
- Deweese v. Stratford Career Inst., Inc., 2014 IL App (1st) 140074-U (representing appellee Stratford Career Inst., Inc.)
- Jablonski v. Ford Motor Co., 2011 IL 110096 (amicus brief on behalf of Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc.)
- Fisher Controls Int'l, L.L.C. v. Pharmacia Corp., 2008 Iowa App. LEXIS 890 (Iowa Ct. App., Feb. 13, 2008)
- Mikolajczyk v. Ford Motor Co., 231 Ill. 2d 516 (2008) (amicus brief on behalf of Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc.)
- Smith v. Ill. Cent. R.R. Co., 223 Ill. 2d 441 (2006) (amicus brief on behalf of Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc.)

- Kennedy v. Medtronic, Inc., 366 Ill. App. 3d 298 (1st Dist. 2006) (amicus brief on behalf of Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc.)
- Weedon v. Pfizer, Inc., 332 Ill. App. 3d 17 (1st Dist. 2002) (representing appellees Pfizer, Inc. and Horizon Medicap Products, Inc.)
- Avakian v. Chulengarian, 328 Ill. App. 3d 147 (2d Dist. 2002) (representing appellee Pfizer, Inc.)
- Mo. Pac. R.R. v. Int'l Ins. Co., 288 Ill. App. 3d 69 (1st Dist. 1997) (representing appellant Missouri Pacific Railroad Company)
- Mo. Pac. R.R. v. Am. Home Assurance Co., 286 Ill. App. 3d 305 (2d Dist. 1997) (representing appellant Missouri Pacific Railroad Company)
- Outboard Marine Corp. v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co., 283 Ill. App. 3d 630 (2d Dist. 1996) (amicus brief on behalf of Outboard Marine Corporation)
- Mo. Pac. R.R. v. Am. Re-Insurance Co., 286 Ill. App. 3d 129 (2d Dist. 1996) (representing appellant Missouri Pacific Railroad Company)
- Haudrich v. Howmedica, Inc., 169 Ill. 2d 525 (1996) (amicus brief on behalf of Health Industry Manufacturers Association, Abbott Laboratories, and Baxter International Inc.)
- United States Gypsum Co. v. Admiral Ins. Co., 268 Ill. App. 3d 598 (1st Dist. 1994) (representing appellant, cross-appellee United States Gypsum Company)
- Martinez v. Pfizer Labs. Div., 216 Ill. App. 3d 360 (1st Dist. 1991) (representing appellee Pfizer Laboratories Division)