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RELATED SERVICES

- Healthcare
- Environmental & Toxic Tort
- Professional Liability Defense
- Employment
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
- Education

OFFICES

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OVERVIEW

Jonathan B. Blakley enjoys a varied litigation practice, in both state and federal courts, with emphasis on healthcare law, general liability for higher educational institutions, product liability, employment law, and environmental & toxic tort matters. He has experience in all phases of high-exposure and/or complex litigation: from initial evaluation, through trial/arbitration, and appeal.

Specifically, in the healthcare realm, Jonathan has defended hospitals, physician practice groups, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, healthcare staffing agencies, and individual medical practitioners against allegations of professional negligence.

Additionally, Jonathan has represented medical device manufacturers in both product liability matters, and hybrid cases involving allegations of product and professional liability.

In the environmental & toxic tort field, Jonathan has represented end-product and chemical manufacturers, with particular focus on medical causation and damages issues.

Jonathan's trial experience includes representation of Chicago-area hospitals in wrongful death actions.

Jonathan holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College, and a J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law. As a law student, he earned Dean's List recognition, and received CALI Awards for his coursework in Genetics and the Law, Entertainment Law, and Electronic Discovery. Further, Jonathan gained experience working as a law clerk at a prominent Plaintiffs' firm during law school.

PRESENTATIONS

Recent Trends and Hot Button Issues in Healthcare Law, GRSM Legal Education Conference, New York and Hartford, May 2019

Health Professionals Beware — Illinois Supreme Court Narrows Applicability of Good Samaritan Act, April 2014

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois
- Illinois Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Memberships

- GRSM African-American Affinity Group, Co-Chair
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- Illinois State Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- University Risk Management & Insurance Association
- The National Black Lawyers Top 100
- Defense Research Institute:
 - Medical Liability and Healthcare Law Committee Member (former Chair of Publications)
 - Young Lawyers Committee Member
 - Diversity & Inclusion Committee Member
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Education

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2012
- B.A., Government, Dartmouth College, 2007

Honors

- Named to *Lawyers of Color* Hot List 2022
- CALI Awards (from the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) for coursework in Genetics and the Law, Entertainment Law, and Electronic Discovery
- Recognized as a “Rising Star” by Illinois Super Lawyers (2021-2023)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch distinction in Healthcare Law and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2024)