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OVERVIEW

Scott defends products liability, toxic tort, construction liability and motor vehicle cases on behalf of clients. His commercial litigation practice includes representing financial institutions and defending financial service providers against consumer class action claims. Scott counsels commercial transport businesses as well as construction companies in cases involving catastrophic injuries and death. He has litigated cases that involve forklifts, handicapped equipped vehicles, seat belts, industrial tire rims and other manufacturing equipment defects on behalf of domestic and foreign corporations. Scott has tried more than 100 cases to verdict, including more than 30 jury trials.

Prior to entering private practice, Scott worked as an assistant state's attorney at the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. During this time, he spent several years in the Public Integrity/Financial Crimes Unit where he prosecuted white-collar crime, public employee offenses and complex computer/internet

crimes. While a prosecutor, Scott also implemented the Financial Identity Theft Task Force that comprised investigators and attorneys of the State's Attorney's Office working in concert with various police departments and law enforcement agencies.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Prevailed on appeal for oil company after an underground gasoline storage tank was leaking and the fuel fumes caused an explosion at a condo complex where Plaintiff resided, resulting in Plaintiff sustaining second-degree burns and other injuries; the Supreme Court upheld the Trial Court and Appellate Court ruling that Plaintiff had a sufficient remedy in law for their injuries, and the Illinois EPA and LUST Program provide governmental enforcement for violations, and ruled in favor of our client.
- *Pommier vs. Jungheinrich Lift Truck Corporation, et al.*, 2018 IL App (3d) 170116 – Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a German manufacturer of an electric pallet jack; successfully argued the appeal before the Illinois Court of Appeals, Third District.
- *People v. Messina*, 2015 IL App (3d) 130685 – Obtained reversal of conviction and jail sentence for aggravated battery wherein it was alleged Defendant punched victim in a fight that left him quadriplegic; drafted appeal and successfully argued before appellate court.
- *Poulter v. Cottrell, Inc.*, 50 F. Supp. 953 (N.D. Ill. 2014) – Assisted St. Louis counsel in defense of car hauler manufacturer wherein Plaintiff was injured when falling off a car hauler and alleged design defect for lack of safety features; verdict for the Defendant and affirmed on appeal.
- *Davis v. Material Handling Association, Inc.*, 401 Ill.App.3d (3rd Dist. 2010) – Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a forklift manufacturer wherein Plaintiff, who had multiple shoulder and cervical surgeries, alleged that forklift's defective design caused the injuries; though reversed on appeal, Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the case on remand.
- *Verdina v. Takata, et al.*, 07 L 395, Circuit Court of Winnebago County, IL – Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a seat belt manufacturer in which vehicle flipped several times while traveling on the interstate and rear passenger was ejected; products liability wrongful death action brought against the manufacturer of the seat belt.
- *Gilson v. Sinto America, Inc.*, et al., 04 L 14, Circuit Court of Fulton County, IL – Obtained summary judgment on behalf of manufacturer of industrial press machine that seriously injured worker; Plaintiff sustained crushing injuries to ankle and foot while working on the assembly line.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Other Crimes Evidence in Illinois," *DuPage County Bar Journal*, March 2021

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois

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

Education

- J.D., Drake University, 1997
 - Order of the Coif
 - *Drake Law Review*, Senior Staff
- B.A., Philosophy, Princeton University, 1993