

PAUL J. FINA
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Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

Born March 1, 1959
Chicago, Illinois

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

Law Offices of Paul J. Fina 5205 Washington Street Downers Grove, Illinois 60515	1994 - Present
Komessar & Wintroub 30 North La Salle Street - Suite 1530 Chicago, Illinois 60602	1990 - 1994
Haskin, Taylor & McDonough 219 E. Wesley Street Wheaton, Illinois 60187	1988 - 1990

PRACTICE FIELD:

Civil litigation representing persons who sustained bodily injuries as a result of acts or omissions on the part of other individuals or entities.

OTHER RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

Adjunct Faculty, College of DuPage Economics & Business Law,	01/86 - 09/98
Adjunct Faculty, Aurora University, Business Law,	09/98 - 05/00
General Counsel, Housing Helpers, Inc. (a non-profit organization which rehabilitates houses for low income families.)	10/91 - 05/10

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Harvard University	Grad. Cert. in Finance	05/18
University of Illinois at Chicago	Master of Laws in Int'l Trade Law	01/07
DePaul University College of Law, Chicago	Doctor of Jurisprudence	12/87
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Master of Economics	08/83
Thesis: "Economics of Unconscionability in Contracts" Also, Master of Labor & Industrial Relations (except thesis)		08/84
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Bachelor of Economics	05/82

SIGNIFICANT RECOVERIES

1. \$5 Million Dollar Class Action - Toxic Tort
Represented individuals in a class action claim against Kerr McGee Chemical Company for damages resulting from the spillage of toxic chemical waste.
2. \$3 Million Dollar Electrocution
Represented the husband of a young mother who was electrocuted and died due to the failure of Commonwealth Edison Company to properly maintain its power lines
3. \$2.25 Million Airline Negligence Injury
Represented a man who was severely injured due to the negligence of Lufthansa German Airlines.
4. \$1.75 Automobile Defect Injury
Represented the estate of a women killed in a Roll-over accident involving a Ford F-350 Econoline van.
5. \$1.25 Million Injury on Parking Lot premises
Represented a man against a gas station/car wash owner, when he was struck by a driver exiting the car wash while standing behind his car in a parking area near the car wash.
6. \$1.2 Million Head-on Automobile Accident
Represented a women injured in a head-on collision, when an on-coming driver operated his car across the center line and into her lane of traffic.
7. \$1.2 Million Motor Vehicle Accident
Represented an individual injured due to the negligence of the operator of a motor vehicle
8. \$1.0 Million Pedestrian Knock Down
Represented a women struck and badly injured by a motor vehicle in a parking lot.
9. \$.9 Million Pedestrian Fall
Represented a pedestrian injured due to a fall down several flights of stairs.
10. \$.5 Million Motorcycle Accident
Represented the operator of a motorcycle struck by a farm tractor.
11. \$.5 Million Bicycle Accident
Represented the operator or a bicycle struck by a motor vehicle

LICENSES:

Licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois and before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar); the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of International Trade.

HONORS, AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS:

Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation
Member, American Law Society
Best Lawyers in America
Litigator Award - Trial Lawyers Board of Regents
Superlawyers, multiple years
National Trial Lawyers Association - Top 100 Lawyers, Product Liability Association
Marquis's Who's Who in the World, over 20 years
Marquis's Who's Who in America, over 20 years
Marquis's Who's Who in American Law, over 20 years
Marquis's Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award
Elite Lawyers of America
Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum
American Bar Association - Tort and Insurance Practice Committee
Teaching Assistantship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Top 100 Seniors, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1982

PUBLICATION:

DuPage County Bar Journal, "The Use of Criminal Convictions in Civil Cases."