

# COLIN H. DUNN

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES, P.C.**  
*Associate*

2006-PRESENT  
*Chicago, IL*

- Assigned primary responsibility of approximately 40 cases. Responsible for handling those cases from pre-suit investigation through trial and appeal, including interviewing witnesses, taking depositions, writing briefs, conducting oral argument at trial or hearing. Some of the significant cases that I have performed substantive work on include:
  - Lichaw, et al., v. 69 West Washington, et al.* Litigation stemming from the fire at the Cook County Administration Building (\$100 million settlement);
  - Beemsterboer v. Joseph J. Duffy Co., et al.* Husband and father of three killed in partial collapse of building during construction (\$11 million settlement);
  - Allie v. Frontline.* Married couple was killed while driving on I-57 after their car was struck by a news van (\$9 million settlement);
  - Naras v. Flextronics, et al.* A husband and father of two was crushed by a punch press at a factory (\$6.85 million settlement);
  - In re Air Crash Disaster at Lexington, Kentucky on August 27, 2006.* Litigation stemming from the crash of Comair Flight 4191 in 2006. (Confidential settlement);
  - Woods v. Southwest, et al.* Boy killed when Southwest plane crashed through the barrier at Midway Airport and struck the car in which he was a passenger (Confidential settlement).
- Argued before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and Illinois Appellate Court:
  - United States v. Fletcher*, 634 F.3d 395 (7th Cir. 2011) (whether the Constitution requires proof that the defendant knew the victims were minors in order to be convicted of production of child pornography under 18 U.S.C. 2251 and whether the government's failure to follow *Petite* policy violated the defendant's due process rights) (petition for writ of Certiorari pending before United States Supreme Court);
  - Collins et al., v. United States of America*, 564 F.3d 833 (7th Cir.2009) (plane crash involving the death of three people, including WGN radio personality Bob Collins, near the Waukegan Regional Airport; finding that the Government was not liable for the negligence of the contractor-air traffic controller and was protected by discretionary function exception to the Federal Tort Claims Act for failing to install radar at the airport).
  - Hernandez v. Alexian Bros. Health Sys., Inc.*, 384 Ill.App.3d 510 (2008) (reversing circuit court and finding that a genuine issue existed as to whether the Good Samaritan Act protected the doctor who provided treatment to decedent but chose not to bill patient's family after her death);
- Wrote and co-wrote the consolidated brief for all Plaintiffs:
  - Bennett v. Southwest, et al.*, 493 F.3d 762 (7th Cir.2007) (finding state law claims arising out of crash at Midway airport (see "*Woods v. Southwest, et al.*" case above) were not removable under the implied preemption doctrine);
  - Yoder v. Ferguson, et al.*, 381 Ill.App.3d 353 (2008) (finding that settled defendants should not be included on the verdict form given to the jury to apportion fault), affirmed by *Ready v. United/Goedecke, Inc.*, 232 Ill.2d 369 (2009).

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF APPELLATE ADVOCACY**  
*Loyola University of Chicago School of Law*

2004-PRESENT  
*Chicago, IL*

- Weekly, two-hour lecture course for second-year law students on appellate writing and oral argument presentation. Class consists of two graded appellate briefs and two graded oral arguments. A class description can be found at <http://www.luc.edu/law/academics/register/fall/advocacy.shtml#dunn>.

- Course for second and third-year law students on the international legal system that governs air carrier liability for international flights.

LAW CLERK FOR THE HONORABLE JUSTICE PATRICK J. QUINN  
Illinois Appellate Court, First District

2004-06  
Chicago, IL

- Drafted over 20 published opinions and dozens of unpublished orders. Prepared bench memoranda for Judge Quinn and other judges assigned to Judge Quinn's panel in advance of oral argument. Initiated Externship Program in chambers for second and third-year law students.

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY  
Cook County State's Attorney's Office

2002-04  
Chicago, IL

- Wrote appellate briefs and argued several cases before the First District Appellate Court of Illinois while assigned to the Criminal Appeals Division, including *People v. Martinez*, 342 Ill.App.3d 849 (2003) (finding that the defendant was properly convicted of felony murder based on the shooting of co-felon by the victim) and *People v. Vasquez*, 339 Ill.App.3d 546 (2003) (appellate court had no jurisdiction to consider the defendant's appeal where his prior appeal had been dismissed under the fugitive dismissal rule).
- Handled an average of 100 cases each day involving defendants charged with various misdemeanor crimes while assigned to the First Municipal/Community Prosecutions Division. Conducted dozens of pre-trial suppression hearings and bench trials.

## EDUCATION

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LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
J.D. Magna Cum Laude

1999-02  
Chicago, IL

Rank: 8/169 GPA: 3.75

Loyola University of Chicago Law Journal-Member of Student Articles Committee  
Two-Year Academic Tutor for Professor Spencer Waller in Civil Procedure  
Judicial Extern for the Honorable Judge Ann Williams of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals  
Judicial Extern for the Honorable Ronald Guzman of the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois  
Judicial Extern for the Honorable Stephan Schiller of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

1995-99  
Oxford, OH

B.A. in Political Science and Classical Humanities

Habitat for Humanity Member 1996-99; led trips to South Carolina and Florida

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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- Monthly columnist for the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* since 2007. Entitled "Torts," the column critically discusses recent cases that significantly impact state and federal tort litigation. It also addresses issues in state and federal tort law that are unresolved.
- Co-wrote "Use of Expert Witnesses in Aviation Cases" **Litigating the Aviation Case: From Pre-Trial to Closing Argument**, Chapter 20, Third Edition.
- "Ask And Ye Shall Receive: A Party's Obligation To Disclose Impeachment Material In Federal Civil Cases," **Aviation Litigation Quarterly**, Spring 2008.
- "State Courts Can Hear Commercial Aviation Cases: *Bennett v. Southwest* and *In re Air Crash Disaster at Lexington, Kentucky on August 27, 2006*," **The Federal Lawyer**, January 2008, Vol. 55, Number One.
- Co-wrote "Building Your Case for the Jury," **Litigation**, The Journal of the Section of Litigation for the American Bar Association, Vol.36, Number 3, Spring 2010
- Speaker for "Update in Aviation Law" Panel at the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section on Aviation and Space Law Litigation in Washington D.C.
- Speaker at Loss Executives Association conference, "Honest Insights from Defense and Plaintiff's Counsel, Insurers and Adjusters into Why a Claim is Resolved and Why it Lingers," Tampa, FL 2012

## BAR MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

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- **Chicago Bar Association** (2002 to present). Member of the Judicial Evaluation Committee which investigates applicants for and sitting judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County and the Illinois Appellate Court. Former Chair of the Aviation Litigation Committee. Current Co-Chair of Tort Litigation Committee of Young Lawyers Section.
- Recipient of William J. Harte *Amicus* Volunteer Award from the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association 2010, 2011
- Super Lawyers *Rising Star* 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
- Law Bulletin's *40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty To Watch* 2010
- Member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the Northern District of Illinois, the Central District of Illinois, the Southern District of Illinois, and State of Illinois.