

**CURRICULUM VITAE OF
JOHN T. KARNEZIS**

LAW FIRM

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Associate: August 1, 2000 - May, 2005
Partner: May, 2005

EDUCATION: Loyola University, School of Law, Chicago, Illinois
Juris Doctor, 1991

University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
Finance Bachelor of Science, 1988

BAR

ASSOCIATIONS: Member of the following:

Chicago Bar Association (CBA)
American Bar Association (ABA)
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)
Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA)

**BAR COMMITTEE
ACTIVITIES:** Instructor Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section
Federal Bar Training Course
Executive Committee, Chicago Bar Association
Judicial Evaluation Committee

**COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES:** Link Mentor - Responsible for Financial and Spiritual Support
of a Catholic School Student for Four Year Period.

Cara Program Member - Program Assisting in the Professional
Training and Placement of Low Income and Homeless Persons.

**FACULTY
APPOINTMENTS:**

Faculty Member, National College of District Attorneys, Houston, TX,
Norfolk, VA, San Francisco, CA, San Diego, CA

Faculty Member, National Advocacy Center, Columbia, SC

Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy, John Marshall Law School,
Chicago, Illinois

LECTURES:

United States Naval Judge Advocate General Trial Enhancement
Program, San Diego, CA (April 2000)

- Theme Development in Jury Trials
- Analytical Advocacy and the Visual Trial
- Theory of Cross Examination, Proactive and
Reactive Methodology
- Cross Examination of Expert Witnesses

Introduction to Trial Advocacy, National Advocacy Center
Columbia, SC (March 2000)

“The Visual Trial”

National College of District Attorneys

Career Prosecutors Course, Charleston, SC

“Just Win Baby,” Theme Development in Jury Trials

(June 2000)

Montana County Attorneys Association/Summer Educational Seminar

“More Valuable Than Gold, More Lethal Than Bullets”

The Complex Narcotics Jury Trial

(July 2000)

United States Naval Judge Advocate General

“Trial Enhancement Training”

(April 2000)

National Advocacy Center, Columbia SC

“Technical Cross Examination of Psychiatrists and Psychologists”

(February 1999)

Cook County Capital Litigation Seminar
“Effective Examination of the Mental Health Expert”
(June 2000)

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Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section
“Do’s and Don’ts of Opening Statements”
(October 2000)

Non Verbal Communication in Jury Trials
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Las Vegas, Nevada
(October 2002)

Cross Examination Tips
Federal Bar Training Course
Chicago, Illinois
(April 2004)

Closing Statements
Federal Bar Training Course
Chicago, Illinois
(April 2005)

DePaul School of Law
Perspective of Deposition Practice
Chicago, Illinois
(April 2005)

**LITIGATION
EXPERIENCE:**

I am a veteran litigator with more than 14 years of jury trial experience. I have tried over 69 jury trials in the Circuit Court of Cook County. I have been named to the “Top 40 Attorneys Under 40” in Illinois based upon this litigation experience. I have tried complex transportation negligence cases including aviation cases. Most recently I concluded a jury trial involving 17-vehicle pile-up on Interstate 90 that resulted in a \$38.3 million verdict for the injured family. This was recognized by the National Law Journal as the largest motor vehicle collision verdict in the United States in 2004. I also participated in the trial of a wrongful death of a corporate pilot that died during the takeoff at Palwaukee Municipal Airport that

resulted in a \$10.4 million verdict. I have been named by my peers as a Super Lawyer in Chicago Magazine. I have maintained an AV rating in Martindale Hubbel.

Other cases include:

- \$1 million to 34-year-old who suffered complex fracture of leg and pelvis.
- \$1.4 million to a 15-year-old girl struck by a CTA bus resulting in skin graft to lower leg.
- \$3 million to a family injured in a motor vehicle collision.
- \$2.2 million to a 65-year-old man injured in a motor vehicle collision who suffered from brain injury.
- \$1 million to a 14-year-old killed when his school bus was struck by a Metra train.

MEDIA:

Guest Commentator, Court TV
Chicago Magazine, Named as “Super Lawyer” April, 2005,