

Andrew G. May

Partner | Litigation & Disputes

OVERVIEW

Andrew is a trial and appellate lawyer in the firm's Litigation and Insurance Policyholder Practice Groups. Andrew has earned a reputation as a shrewd and versatile litigator capable of tackling the most vexing legal problems.

Andrew has an active commercial litigation practice spanning multiple industries with experience successfully prosecuting and defending a wide variety of litigation and arbitration matters from inception through trial and appeals. Andrew's dynamic skill set and subject-matter expertise have afforded him a rare fluency in many areas of the law, including breach of contract claims, business torts, fraud, class action defense, partnership and shareholder disputes, defamation, False Claims Act cases, and high-exposure products and personal injury suits. In recognition of his achievements, the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* named Andrew one of the top "40 Under 40 Attorneys to Watch" in 2020.

In addition, Andrew has extensive experience counseling and representing corporate policyholders in a wide range of insurance coverage disputes. Andrew has represented policyholders in obtaining significant recoveries from their insurers in litigation matters across the country. Andrew is a frequent author and speaker on insurance coverage topics, including serving as the co-author of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education's insurance treatise on the "Duty to Defend."

The clients Andrew represents range from publicly traded companies to startups. Regardless of the type of case or the type of client, Andrew stands ready to develop creative and aggressive strategies to achieve the best possible outcome –



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EDUCATION

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
(J.D., 2009) *magna cum laude*

Colgate University (B.A., 2005)
magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

whether through prevailing on the merits or settling on favorable terms.

Andrew believes strongly in the importance of doing pro bono work and giving back to the community. In 2021, Andrew received the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois's Excellence in Pro Bono Service Award. In 2020, Andrew was honored as an "access to justice champion" by Justice Mary K. Rochford, Chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice.

EXPERIENCE

Commercial Litigation

- Representing U.S.-based sourcing company in multimillion breach of contract dispute relating to procurement of hand sanitizer overseas.
- Representing shareholders of beverage distributor in pursuing claims of minority shareholder oppression under Illinois Business Corporations Act.
- Obtained complete defense verdict in three-day arbitration on behalf of European executive accused of breaching joint venture agreement in connection with stock sale.
- Represented trade association in five-week federal jury trial with more than \$575 million at stake involving claims for fraud, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented national bank accused of knowingly participating in the embezzlement scheme of a fiduciary in obtaining complete defense verdict in federal jury trial.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of global professional services firm in accounting malpractice action stemming from alleged failure to implement favorable tax strategy.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of aircraft owner in title dispute over World War II plane and affirmance before Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of ride-sharing company of high-exposure personal injury lawsuit.
- Obtaining dismissal and affirmance on appeal of multiple defamation and false light lawsuits against media entity.
- As appellate counsel, obtained complete reversal of jury verdict in multimillion dollar breach of contract dispute.
- Obtained favorable settlement on behalf of large investment bank in defending against claims under Illinois False Claims Act arising out of setting of interest rates for municipal bonds.

- Obtained favorable settlement on behalf publicly traded mining company in defending against federal securities class action alleging failure to disclose facts surrounding the suspension of a foreign mining license.

Insurance Coverage

- Counseling and advising upon coverage for lawsuits under Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA), including obtaining favorable settlement of high-profile class action against large health care company.
- Obtained \$100 million federal court judgment with respect to bodily injury and property damage claims against medical sterilization company, with *Law360* publication designating the matter as one of most important insurance coverage lawsuits pending in the U.S. and currently defending judgment on appeal to the Seventh Circuit.
- Represented health care company in obtaining insurance coverage for mass tort lawsuit arising out of cryogenic tank failure and successfully defended against insurer's attempt to extinguish defense obligation in both the trial and appellate court (victory featured on the cover of the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*).
- Obtained judgment on the pleadings on behalf of insured municipality in multimillion dollar coverage dispute over excess coverage for civil rights jury verdict.
- Represented family-owned pizza business in obtaining insurance coverage for trade dress claims.
- Assisted plaintiff's counsel in obtaining insurance coverage for injured passenger in personal injury lawsuit against taxi company.

RECOGNITIONS

- *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, "40 Under 40 Attorneys to Watch," 2020
- *Illinois Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," recommended in "Business Litigation" since 2014
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois's Excellence in Pro Bono Service Award, 2021

NEWS & INSIGHTS

March 7, 2025 Event

NGE Attends the 2025 ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar

February 13, 2024 In The Media

Andrew May Quoted in *Bloomberg Law* Article, "Diverse Justices Set to Shift Illinois Supreme Court's Direction"

July 21, 2023 In The Media

Andrew May Quoted in *Law360's* "Illinois Cases To Watch In 2023: A Midyear Report"



April 18, 2023 Publication

Client Alert: Illinois Appellate Court Opinion Allows for BIPA Cyber Insurance Policy Claims

August 9, 2022 Firm News

NGE Wins Insurance Coverage Victory for Client Sterigenics on Duty to Defend

May 31, 2022 In The Media

Andrew May and Angela Elbert Featured on ACC Chicago's Podcast "It's All Hearsay"

December 1, 2020 Firm News

Andrew May Recognized for Access to Justice Work by Illinois Supreme Court

October 26, 2020 Firm News

Wisconsin Court of Appeals Affirms Victory for Grant Thornton in Accounting Malpractice Suit

September 25, 2020 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Partner Andrew G. May Recognized Among "40 Under Forty 2020 – Illinois Attorneys to Watch"

February 3, 2020 Firm News

Illinois Super Lawyers 2020 Recognizes 39 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys

October 30, 2019 Firm News

NGE Clients Prevail in Accounting Malpractice Suit at Summary Judgment

October 18, 2019 Firm News

NGE Obtains Class Action Dismissal for Gogo

January 2, 2019 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Welcomes Andrew G. May to Partnership in Its Litigation Practice Group

December 14, 2018 Publication

The "Cautious Approach": The Illinois Appellate Court Embraces a More Expansive Application of the *Peppers* Doctrine

December 14, 2018 Event

How to Strategically Defend a Defamation Lawsuit in Illinois

August 7, 2018 Publication

Civil Appeals: State and Federal

July 9, 2018 Firm News

41 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Listed in 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers

July 6, 2018 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures Victory for Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation Before Illinois Appellate Court

July 6, 2018 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Obtains Dismissal of Defamation Lawsuit for Newspaper and Reporter