

## Jonathan S. Quinn

Partner | Litigation & Disputes

### OVERVIEW

Jonathan is a trial lawyer who focuses on complex, high-exposure commercial litigation matters, which include breach of contract, business torts, fraud, antitrust and unfair trade practices, securities fraud, class action defense, and consumer fraud actions. He manages all facets of the adversarial process, including developing prelitigation strategy, pursuing injunctive relief, and acting as lead counsel through trials and hearings before state and federal courts and administrative agencies throughout the country. Jonathan began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

He values collaborating with clients to discover the ways in which litigation can be used to pursue their overall business goals. The variety of potential risks, rewards, and outcomes with respect to litigation can seem overwhelming. Jonathan helps his clients to understand all the options and provides them with the advice they need to make the decisions that will best advance their big-picture business objectives.

Jonathan adds his unique value to handling a dispute when the time comes to present a complicated case to a jury, judge or arbitrator. He excels at persuasive storytelling, explaining facts and law, and deciphering legal jargon in a way that everyone can understand.

*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* recognizes Jonathan as "an extraordinary trial lawyer with an encyclopedic knowledge of the law" and noting that he "is a really good lawyer, deep thinker, and a high-quality, good person. He's terrific."



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### EDUCATION

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law  
(J.D., 1985)

Haverford College (B.A., 1981)

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### ADMISSIONS

Illinois  
New York

Jonathan contributes his time to a number of *pro bono* causes, including the Center on Wrongful Convictions (CWC) at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. In addition to serving on the CWC's Advisory Board, Jonathan has represented several of the Center's clients, including having secured an acquittal in November 2017 at the second murder trial of a woman previously convicted and who had served eight years in prison.

When not serving clients, Jonathan can be found educating the lawyers of tomorrow. He is an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and is also a faculty member of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

## EXPERIENCE

- Obtained a significant multimillion-dollar jury verdict for violation of civil RICO after a five-week long trial in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.
- Represented Clover Technologies in an antitrust lawsuit in federal court in Dallas.
- Represent U. S. Steel in a price-fixing class action in federal district court in Chicago.
- Defended Immtech Pharmaceuticals in a week-long jury trial in federal district court in Chicago against co-founder and shareholder claims alleging breaches of contract in which the jury awarded only a fraction of the damages sought. Currently handling Immtech's appeal of certain damages awarded by the jury and co-founder's appeal of court's decision barring other damages claims.
- Defended the former Chief Financial Officer of Waste Management in a variety of legal proceedings across the country arising out of securities fraud allegations at the company. Defended an SEC enforcement action in federal district court in Chicago and conducted an 11 week jury trial.
- Represented Nonni's Food Company and obtained a favorable settlement in litigation brought by the former owners of assets purchased by Nonni's in New Jersey state court.
- Acted as lead litigation counsel to oppressed minority shareholders in several cases in both state and federal courts throughout the U.S. involving various breaches of contractual and fiduciary duties.
- Represented ArcelorMittal (formerly Inland Steel) in:
  - a variety of commercial contract and business tort disputes in both state and federal courts, as well as in arbitration hearings.
  - litigation in Ohio state court initiated by ArcelorMittal against its partner in a iron mine to obtain partnership information and successfully obtained a temporary restraining order requiring that the information be provided that, on the partner's appeal, the Ohio appellate court refused to vacate.

- in an American Arbitration Association hearing before a three-arbitrator panel and obtained a favorable result in the case stemming from a contract dispute with a long-term supplier.
- Obtained a substantial multimillion-dollar recovery on behalf of a major Chicago-based equity investment firm and affiliated investors in a professional malpractice/negligence action brought in state court in Chicago against a major Wall Street investment bank.
- Acted as lead litigation counsel to a Michigan-based food service company in a wrongful death suit in federal district court in Chicago. Obtained an advantageous settlement on behalf of the company.
- Represented a large asset-based energy supplier in a commercial arbitration before the American Arbitration Association arising out of the termination of a gas sales agreement.
- Represented a California-based international transportation shipping agent in a variety of litigation matters.
- Defended numerous cases of truck and motor carrier litigation, as well as catastrophic motor vehicle cases.

## RECOGNITIONS

- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Litigation Star" 2025
- *Crain's Chicago Business*, "Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys" 2023, 2025
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, recommended in "Litigation – General Commercial" since 2012
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, recommended in "Commercial Litigation," 2020-2023
- Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, 2019
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, recommended in "Business Litigation" since 2005

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

April 21, 2025 Firm News

NGE Partners Recognized in Crain's 2025 Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys

October 7, 2024 Firm News

Jonathan Quinn and Karl Barnickol Recognized in *Benchmark Litigation 2025*

June 6, 2024 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures Nine Ranked Practice Groups and 23 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA 2024*



**January 29, 2024 Firm News**

Thirty-One Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Recognized on 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers List

**June 1, 2023 Firm News**

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 10 Ranked Practice Groups and 25 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2023

**03.13.23 Firm News**

Three Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Named to *Crain's Chicago Business* 2023 Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys

**January 6, 2023 Firm News**

Jonathan Quinn Named to Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board

**August 18, 2022 Firm News**

60 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2023 *Best Lawyers*

**June 1, 2022 Firm News**

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 11 Ranked Practice Groups and 25 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2022

**September 1, 2021 Firm News**

NGE Represents HAVI in Acquisition of PMI Worldwide

**August 18, 2021 Firm News**

52 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2022 *Best Lawyers*

**May 20, 2021 Firm News**

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 11 Ranked Practice Groups and 20 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2021

**October 26, 2020 Firm News**

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

**August 19, 2020 Firm News**

46 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2021 *Best Lawyers*

**April 23, 2020 Firm News**

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 10 Ranked Practice Groups and 16 Ranked Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2020

**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

**August 15, 2019 Firm News**

45 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2020 *Best Lawyers*



May 6, 2019 Firm News

Five Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Recognized for Excellence in Pro Bono Service

July 9, 2018 Firm News

41 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Listed in 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers

July 6, 2018 Firm News

Pro Bono Team Obtains Not Guilty Verdict Exonerating Kerry Masterson