

Timothy J. Cavanagh is the founding partner of Cavanagh Law Group in Chicago, Illinois. Cavanagh concentrates his practice on plaintiff's personal injury trial work and handles catastrophic injury, medical malpractice and wrongful death cases.

Mr. Cavanagh has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® from 2015-2017 in the field of personal injury litigation and his firm has been ranked in the 2016 and 2017 "Best Law Firms" list by U.S. News & World Report. Cavanagh was named one of the top 500 plaintiffs' lawyers in the United States by *Lawdragon* magazine. For the last seven years he has been named to the prestigious "Irish Legal 100" by The Irish Voice Newspaper, which recognized him as one of the top 100 Irish attorneys in America. Cavanagh was selected to Super Lawyers by Thompson-Reuters from 2005-2017. He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, where he serves on the Executive Committee. In 2001, he was selected by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company as one of the "40 Illinois Attorneys Under the Age of 40 to Watch". Leading Lawyers Network, a division of Law Bulletin Publishing Company, has named Cavanagh a "Leading Lawyer" every year since its inception in 2003—an honor that is limited to the top 5 percent of lawyers in Illinois. Leading Lawyers has consistently named him one of the top 100 consumer lawyers in Illinois.

He has personally obtained over 50 verdicts and settlements in excess of \$1 million which includes the following:

- \$55 million railroad crossing verdict (recognized by the National Law Journal as one of the top 100 verdicts in the country in 2002);
- \$14 million medical malpractice settlement against Northwestern Memorial Hospital for a monitoring error resulting in severe brain injury at birth;
- \$13.7 million wrongful death verdict against the test driver in a fatal crash;
- \$10 million confidential tractor trailer crash;
- \$9.75 million state record settlement involving a collision between a vehicle and a bicyclist;
- \$9.1 million state record railroad crossing settlement;
- \$7.5 million medical malpractice settlement against Westlake Hospital;
- \$6.65 million wrongful death verdict against a government contractor;
- \$5.7 million uninsured motorist arbitration award for an injured police officer; and
- \$5.55 million wrongful death settlement against the Chicago Transit Authority.

Kimberly A. Davis is a founding member and co-owner of SpyratosDavis LLC, with offices in Lisle and Chicago, Illinois. Her work includes defense of construction, workplace, premises, product liability and automobile accident claims, special investigations, large loss subrogation prosecution, and risk management. Kim also represents individuals and corporations on corporate litigation claims and lawsuits, probate disputes/will contests, and family law matters.

Kim has an A.A. in Commerce from Morton College (1985), a B.S. in Paralegal Studies from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (1987), and a J.D. with honors from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (1997). Kim attended law school in the evenings while working full-time as a paralegal/office manager.

Kim has served in leadership positions in state and local bar associations, including: Chair of the Illinois State Bar Association's Civil Law & Practice Section Council, member of the ISBA Assembly for the 18th Judicial Circuit, President of the American Inns of Court-DuPage County Chapter, and President the DuPage Association of Women Lawyers.

Kim is a current member of the ISBA's Bench and Bar Section. She has presented at numerous ISBA CLE programs, as well as local and nationally-based programs.

Hon. Russell Hartigan, of Western Springs, is a Circuit Court Judge. Appointed by Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, elected countywide in 2012 for a six year term. Received “Highly Recommended” rating from Chicago Bar Association and Illinois State Bar. John Marshall Law School Juris Doctorate, DePaul University B.S.C and M.B.A. program. He has worked on many Jury Trials in State and Federal Court. Focusing on civil trial work including casualty and municipal defense, workers compensation, personal injury and arbitration/mediation.

He has teaching experience from John Marshall Law School, Northwestern University, DePaul University, Morton Junior College, and Marist High School.

Judge Hartigan is President Elect of Illinois State Bar, a member of American Board of Trial Advocates, Assembly Member, Board of Governors, Treasurer, Secretary, member of Illinois Bar Foundation, President John Marshall Alumni Board, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, representing West and South Cook County, West Central Municipal Conference and Vice-Chair.

He is a recipient of many distinguished awards such as; John Marshall Law School Service Leadership Award and President’s Award, Community Extension Project Service Award and Man of the Year Village of Western Springs.

James Herrity has over 17 years of experience presenting evidence and consulting on graphic design in the legal industry. His trial experience includes many high-profile and complex litigation trials in Federal, Circuit and Supreme courts all over the country. His experience also ranges from international arbitrations, to the largest verdict in a Michigan state history, along with some of the more well-known trials in recent history.

Patrick M. Kinnally is from Aurora, Illinois. He graduated from Loyola University in 1972 and from John Marshall Law School in 1980.

Patrick was admitted to the practice of law in Illinois and Indiana in 1980. He is also admitted to the United States Supreme Court and to the Federal Trial Bar of the United States District Court. He has been an adjunct professor of law at Northern Illinois University Law School from 1999 - 2014, and taught Civil Procedure, Immigration and Nationality Law and Trial Skills. He is a frequent lecturer and writer at continuing legal education programs.

Patrick concentrates in his practice, in general and commercial litigation, immigration and citizenship and administrative, environmental and local government law.

Kurt Lloyd is a plaintiff's trial lawyer with more than 70 civil jury trials in Chicago and many other cities, including Milwaukee, Rockford, Ottawa, Joliet, McHenry and Waukegan.

He recently wrote the book ***Kurt D. Lloyd on Jury Selection***, which was published in September, 2016, and is the first and only book dedicated to the subject for Illinois trial lawyers.

Kurt has won over \$300 million in jury verdicts and settlements for his injured clients and referring or partnering attorneys.

Kurt is a graduate of IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law and the founder of the Lloyd Law Group, Ltd., a plaintiff's personal injury and wrongful death firm.

Robert T. Park earned his B.A. (1968) and J.D. (1973) degrees from the University of Illinois. Bob has been a principal in the law firm of Califf & Harper, P.C., in Moline since 2012. He is licensed in Illinois (1973) and Iowa (1984), and admitted to practice in the federal courts in both states. He has practiced law in the Quad Cities for over 43 years, handling civil cases in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels.

Bob is a member and past Chair of the ISBA Civil Practice and Procedure Section Council, and is editor of its newsletter, *Trial Briefs*. He currently serves on the Illinois Bar Journal Editorial Board, the ISBA Standing Committee on Legislation, and the ISBA Lawyers' Political Action Committee. He served on the ISBA Assembly from 1993 to 2000 and from 2007 to 2013.) He chaired the 2011 ISBA Allerton Conference on Evidence. In 2016, Bob received the ISBA Board of Governors Award.

Bob is a past President of the Rock Island County Bar Association, a member of the Iowa and Scott County (Iowa) Bar Associations, and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC). He is a former columnist and Editor-In-Chief for the IDC Quarterly.

Bob is the author of a chapter on Notice and Cooperation in *Commercial and Professional Liability Insurance* (IICLE 2014), and a chapter on *Duties of Policyholders and Insurer in Illinois Insurance Law* (IICLE 2012). He provided practice tips for *Illinois Civil Procedure* by Professor Jeffrey A. Parness (LexisNexis 2014). He contributed an article on legal ethics published in the May 2010 issue of the Illinois Bar Journal.

George W. Spellmire is one of the country's leading professional liability litigation lawyers. He has more than thirty years of experience and has supervised thousands of professional liability cases. He represents private and public corporations, law firms, and individuals in litigation, trials and alternative dispute resolution involving professional liability and disciplinary issues. He has tried many legal malpractice and accounting cases and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Recognized by The National Law Journal as one of the most prominent professional malpractice lawyers in the United States, he has been included in The Best Lawyers in American since 1995. He is a member of the Leading Lawyers Network and is recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyers.

Mr. Spellmire attended Brown University from 1966-67. He earned his B.A. at Ohio State University in 1970 and his J.D. from DePaul University in 1974. He is admitted to practice in Illinois and before the U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, U.S. Court of Appeals Seventh Circuit, U.S. District Court Western District of Wisconsin, U.S. District Court Northern District of Indiana, Supreme Court of the United States, Federal Trial Bar, and the U.S. Tax Court.

Mr. Spellmire is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Society of Trial Lawyers, International Association of Defense Counsel, Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

John M. Stalmack has extensive experience in civil litigation and trial work and has been obtaining outstanding results for over 35 years. He has tried over 75 complex cases to verdict throughout Illinois and the country in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability, governmental liability, trucking negligence and toxic torts. He has had additional concentration in the area of the Structural Work Act and large property damage losses. He frequently lectures and writes in the field of medical malpractice as well as trial evidence. Recently, John has gone to verdict in a case involving allegations of exposure to lead poisoning in paint and in a case involving exposure to polyurethane in a floor sealant. John has deposed and cross-examined at trial hundreds retained expert witnesses including engineers, physicians, accountants, scientific experts, reconstruction experts and economic experts.

In 2003, John was named by the Chicago Lawyer as one of Chicago's Top 20 Defense Lawyers. In 2014, The Jury Verdict Reporter presented John with its Trial Lawyer Excellence award. Year after year, John has been consistently named by Chicago magazine as an Illinois Super Lawyer. He has also been consistently named to the Leading Lawyers Network. John is also a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and an Advocate in the American Board of Trial Advocates. He also served as President of the Illinois Society of Trial Lawyers. John has written over 25 major articles for publication in the areas of evidence, trial practice, and medical negligence. He has also been a frequent lecturer for the CBA, ISBA, and IICLE as well as the Loyola and John Marshall law schools.

John was formerly with the United States Department of Justice and was hired under the United States Attorney General's Program for Honor Law Graduates. He received his J.D. at Loyola University of Chicago where he served as Editor on the *Law Review*. Later, he received his L.L.M from the George Washington University National Law Center.

Richard L. Turner, Jr., Principal in Turner & Sackett, LLC, with offices in Geneva and Sycamore, Illinois. Admitted to bar, 1981, IL; Federal Trial Bar, U.S. District Court, Northern District of IL, 1983. DePaul University (J.D., with honors, 1981). National Board of Trial Advocacy, Certification in Civil Trial Advocacy, 1990 (recertified, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015). Member: DeKalb County (Past President), Kane County (Past Chair of Worker's Compensation and Practice Management Committees; KCBA Community Service Award Recipient, 2016), Illinois State (Assembly Delegate, 16th Judicial Circuit 1990-92, 1994-2000; 2004-2010; Assembly Delegate, 23rd Judicial Circuit, 2014-2016) Civil Practice and Procedure Section Council (Chair 2007-2008); Standing Committee on Supreme Court Rules (Chair 2003-2004); Committee on Legal Technology (Chair 2002-2003), Illinois Trial Lawyers Association; The American Association for Justice; Illinois Workers' Compensation Lawyers Association. Life Member of Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Named as Leading Lawyer in Illinois in Personal Injury and Worker's Compensation and Super Lawyer in Illinois.

Shawn Wood is a partner in the Chicago office of Seyfarth Shaw, LLP and a member of the firm's National Trial Team. He serves as national chair of the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group and has over 24 years of experience counseling and representing clients in connection with their business litigation, commercial contracts, and product liability matters.

Shawn is also a member of the Federal Trial Bar in the Northern District of Illinois. He has won cases in state and federal courts throughout the country, including in Texas, California, North Carolina, Iowa, Delaware and Illinois. He has also prevailed as lead appellate counsel before the United States Fifth and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeal and the Illinois First District Appellate Court.

Shawn's experience includes the representation of US and UK manufacturers in connection with product related disputes and supply chain issues and agreements throughout the world. He has presented to the Chicago International Trade Commissioner's Association regarding product liability issues facing multinational companies.

Shawn has published and presented on broad scope of topics relevant to civil practice, product liability and commercial litigation. He co-authors the *Illinois State Bar Association Civil Practice Handbook* chapter regarding motion practice and serves as an annual presenter at the ISBA Civil Practice Conference. For more than a decade, Shawn served by appointment on the Civil Practice Council of the Illinois State Bar Association. He has also served as a featured columnist in *Chicago Lawyer* magazine and is a recipient of its Annual Writing Award. He was previously honored by the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* as part of its "40 under 40" listing and selected by his peers as an Illinois "Leading Lawyer" in appellate practice and commercial litigation. Most recently, Shawn was listed among The Best Lawyers in America® in commercial litigation, and the Commercial Litigation Practice Group that he chairs was ranked among the nation's "Best Law Firms" by *Best Lawyers*® and *U.S. News & World Report*, including Tier 1 rankings in Chicago and Los Angeles.

Shawn earned his B.A. (with honors) at the University of Dayton in 1989 and his J.D. (with honors, Order of the Coif) at IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1992. He is licensed to practice in Illinois and before the State of Illinois Federal Trial Bar, U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois and Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Fifth, and Seventh Circuits. Shawn is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, and The Lawyers' Club of Chicago.