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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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Kevin has spent his entire legal career at Heyl Royster, beginning in 1984 in the Peoria office. He has been in the Rockford office since it opened in 1985. Kevin is currently in charge of the firm's workers' compensation practice group.

Kevin concentrates his practice in the areas of workers' compensation, employment law, and employer liability.

He supervises the workers' compensation, employment law, and employer liability practice groups in the Rockford office. He has represented numerous employers before the Illinois Human Rights Commission and has arbitrated hundreds of workers' compensation claims. He has also tried numerous liability cases to jury verdict.

Kevin has co-authored a book with Bruce Bonds of the firm's Urbana office entitled *Illinois Workers' Compensation Law, 2009-2010 Edition*, which was recently published by West.* The book provides a comprehensive, up-to-date assessment of workers' compensation law in Illinois. He also is the contributing editor of the Workers' Compensation Report for the *Illinois Defense Counsel Quarterly*. Kevin is a frequent speaker to industry and legal professional groups.

Kevin is a member of the Winnebago County Bar Association in its workers' compensation and trial sections. He is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, and has actively participated in sections relevant to his practice areas. He is a member of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (Board of Directors).

Significant Cases

- *Arlene Bernardoni v. Huntsman Chemical Corp.*, Applied *Frye* principle to Illinois workers' compensation in the defense of an occupational disease/exposure claim.
- *Richard Urbanski v. Deichmueller Construction Co.*, Defined jurisdictional issue in workers' compensation review.

Publications

- *Illinois Workers' Compensation Law, 2009-2010 ed.* (Vol. 27, Illinois Practice Series), published by West (2009)*

- "Economic Disability and Earning Capacity: A Historical Analysis for Wage Differential Claims," *Illinois Defense Counsel Quarterly* (2006)
- "The Normal Daily Activity Exception to Workers' Compensation Claims," *Illinois Defense Counsel Quarterly* (2004)
- "The Age Discrimination in Employment Act: A Seventh Circuit Perspective," *Illinois Defense Counsel Quarterly* (1998)
- "The Impact of Federal Legislation on the Employer/Employee Relationship in Illinois," *Illinois Defense Counsel Quarterly* (1996)
- "An Overview of Repetitive Trauma Claims," *Illinois Bar Journal* (1992)

Professional Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell AV rated
- Selected as a *Leading Lawyer* in Illinois. Only five percent of lawyers in the state are named as *Leading Lawyers*.
- Named to the 2009 Illinois *Super Lawyers* list. The *Super Lawyers* selection process is based on peer recognition and professional achievement. Only five percent of the lawyers in each state earn this designation.

Professional Associations

- Winnebago County Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- American Bar Association
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (Board of Directors)

Court Admissions

- State Courts of Illinois and Wisconsin
- United States District Court, Northern and Central Districts of Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Education

- Juris Doctor, Washington University School of Law, 1984
- Bachelor of Arts-Economics and Mathematics (Summa Cum Laude), Blackburn University, 1981

* For more information, visit the West website at: <http://west.thomson.com/productdetail/159286/40843543/productdetail.aspx>

