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## Summary of qualifications

### Mark Rouleau, attorney at law

#### *Rockford, Illinois*

Has been an Illinois attorney for more than a quarter of a century. For the last seventeen years he has been a sole practitioner after leaving the law firm of Crosby & Lambert. He was admitted to practice before the state of Illinois Supreme Court on November 9, 1983; the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois December 21, 1983 and the Supreme Court of the United States on Aug. 11, 1995.

## Education

### DePaul University College of Law

#### *Chicago, Illinois*

Graduated in the Class of 1983

### Southern Illinois University

#### *Carbondale, Illinois*

President's Scholar Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, 1980

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, 1980

## Professional experience

Has been engaged in the general practice of law in the Rockford community for more than 25 years. The principle focus of his practice has been in the area of civil litigation. He has appeared as a speaker on in Sky Radio's **America's Premier Lawyers** Hosted by Marc Holland; appellate cases include: **People v. Joseph Spiezer**, (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 2000), 316 Ill.App.3d 75, 735 N.E.2d 1017, 249 Ill.Dec. 192; **Hills v. Bridgeview Little League Ass'n**, (Ill.App. 1 Dist. 1999) 713 N.E.2d 616, 306 Ill.App.3d 13, (Amicus brief of counsel, for the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association); **People v. Quigley**, (Ill. 1998) 697 N.E.2d 735, 183 Ill.2d 1, (trial and appellate counsel); **People v. Lavariega**, (Ill. 1997) 676 N.E.2d 643, 175 Ill.2d 153, (trial and appellate counsel); **City of Rockford v. Xayasouk**, (Ill.App. 2 Dist. 1998) 705 N.E.2d 110, 301 Ill.App.3d 663, (trial and appellate counsel); **Krivitskie v. Cramlett**, (Ill.App. 2 Dist. 1998) 704 N.E.2d 957, 301 Ill.App.3d 705, (trial and appellate counsel); **Shelton v. Gourley**, Rule 23 opinion (\$350K negligence verdict barroom stabbing case upheld versus tavern Ill.App 2d 87 L 17 & 18); **People v. Crabbe**, (Ill.App. 2 Dist. 1990) 552 N.E.2d 19, 195 Ill.App.3d 163, (trial and appellate counsel); **Application of County Collector**, (Ill.App. 2 Dist. 1988) 530 N.E.2d 598, 175 Ill.App.3d 985, (trial and appellate counsel).

## Publications

Unreliability of the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test, 4 Am.Jur. Proof Facts 3d 439;

Arbitration primer for civil trial attorneys, Vol. 55, No. 8 ISBA Trial Briefs (April 2010);

Wills v. Foster and the "Reasonable Value" Approach To The Collateral Source Rule, Vol. 54, No. 2 ISBA Trial Briefs (August 2008);

Contacting an Opponent's Employee and Former Employees, Vol. 53, No. 5, ISBA Trial Briefs (Dec. 2007);

Impact of Plea of guilty on civil proceedings, DCBA Brief, November 2001.

Impact of Plea of guilty on civil proceedings, Vol 44, No. 3, ISBA Criminal Justice Newsletter,

Compensation for the value of lost time and not lost wages, Vol. 36, No. 3, ISBA Tort Trends Newsletter;

Is Tort Liability in Illinois Joint or Several? Vol. 34, No. 1, ISBA Tort Trends Newsletter;

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Launches Assault on Trial Lawyers, Business Profile Magazine Aug/Sept 98;

Declaring Forfeitures on Contracts for Deed, Vol. 35, No. 1 ISBA YLD Newsletter;

A Case for Fall Civil Discovery and Statutory Summary Suspension Hearings, Vol. 36, No. 1 ISBA YLD Newsletter;

Supreme Court Adds Teeth To Arbitration Rules, Vol. 37, No. 4 ISBA YLD Newsletter;

Subpoena Duces Tecum, by and 38, No. 1, ISBA YLD Newsletter;

A Simple Solution for Obtaining Records Prior to Trial, Vol. 38, No. 3 ISBA YLD Newsletter;

Discovering *Petrillo* Violations, Vol. 39, No. 1, ISBA YLD Newsletter;

Is Loss of Enjoyment of Life Recoverable Under the Civil Justice Reform Amendments of 1995?, Vol. 31, No. 2, ISBA Tort Trends Newsletter;

Discharge of Attorney Employed by Contingency Fee Contract, Vol. 32, No. 5, ISBA Tort Trends Newsletter;

Hospital Liens, Vol. XLIV, No. 2, WCBA The Lawyer;

Are Your Real Estate Clients Insuring The Insurer?, Vol. XLIV, No. 7 WCBA The Lawyer.

## **Additional professional activities**

Member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum  
ITLA William J. Harte Amicus Volunteer Award, June 2010  
Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for James Publishing, Cross Publications and Ford Publications 1989.  
ITLA Board of Managers Member (1997-1998)  
ITLA Amicus Committee & Supreme Court Rules Committee  
ISBA Civil Practice and Procedure Section Council Member (2005- )  
ISBA Continuing Legal Education Section Council Member (2005- )  
ISBA assembly 1998-2000  
ISBA Tort Section Council Chair (2000-2001)  
ISBA Tort Section Council Vice-chair (1999-2000)  
ISBA Tort Section Council Secretary (1998-1999)  
ISBA Tort Section Council Member (1996-2002)  
ISBA Task Force on Allocation of Judges (1998-1999)  
ISBA Task Force on Certification (1997)  
ISBA Allerton House Conference (2008) "Civility Initiatives for Civil Litigation,"  
ISBA Allerton Conference (2006) "Reforming The Jury System in Illinois"  
Illinois Legal Education Conclave (Oct. 19-20, 1995)  
ISBA Organized Bar Leadership Conference (June 1994)  
Chair of the YLD Section of the ISBA (1994-1995)  
Editor of the ISBA YLD Newsletter (1991-1994)  
ISBA delegate to the 1994 & 1995 ABA - YLD conventions

## **Presentations**

**Alternative Dispute Resolution: Arbitration & Mediation Issues, "Arbitration Law" ISBA Law Ed Series, February 11, 2011**

**Basic Skills: The New Attorney's Introduction to the Effective Practice of Law, "Pleading From A Plaintiff's View" ISBA Law Ed Series December 4-6, 2007 (Chicago).**

**Tort Law Update 2005, "Liens" ISBA Tort and Insurance Law sections, Law Ed Series, June 17, 2005 (ISBA Annual meeting, Lake Geneva Wisc.).**

**The Anatomy of an Automobile Case, "Liens & Reimbursement" ISBA Tort and Insurance Law sections, Law Ed Series, May 10, 2004 (Chicago).**

**Potpourri of Civil Practice, Tort and Insurance Law, "Adjudicating Medicaid Liens" ISBA Civil Practice & Procedure, Tort and Insurance Law sections, Law Ed Series, June 20, 2003 (ISBA Annual meeting, Lake Geneva Wisc.).**

**Motor Vehicle Cases A to Z, "Adjudicating Medicaid and Medicare Liens" ISBA Tort Law Section, Law Emergency department Series, May 22, 2003 (Chicago, Ill.)**

**Illinois Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Benefits, a Study and Analysis, "Who is covered?" ISBA Tort Law Section, Law Ed Series, May 9, 2002 (Bloomington, Ill.).**

**Illinois Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Benefits, a Study and Analysis, "Who is covered?" ISBA Tort Law Section, Law Ed Series, May 30, 2002 (Chicago, Ill.).**

**An Update for Tort Practitioners, "Responding to 213 (f) & (g) Interrogatories," ISBA Tort Law Section, Insurance Law Section, and Special Committee of Appellate Practice, Law Ed Series, June 22, 2001 (ISBA Annual meeting, Lake Geneva Wisc).**

**Insurance Coverage: An Update, "The Tort of Bad Faith: A Sleeping Giant" ISBA Insurance Law Section, Law Ed Series, April 19, 2001**

**Supreme Court Rule 213 and its Impact in Tort Litigation, "What is opinion Testimony?" ISBA Tort Law Section, Law Ed Series, October 9, 2000**

**Issues and Techniques for the Settlement of Personal Injury Cases, Moderator, ISBA Insurance Law and Tort Sections, Law Ed Series, ISBA Annual Meeting June 23, 2000**

**An Update for Tort and Insurance Litigators, "Responding to Rule 213 (f) & (g) Interrogatories," ISBA Insurance Law and Tort Sections, Law Ed Series, May 18, 2000**

**Litigating Tort Cases Without Going Bankrupt, Moderator, ISBA Tort Section, Law Ed Series, October 11, 1999**

**Hot Tips for Trials, Getting Witnesses to the Courthouse, Winnebago County Bar Association Seminar, Oct. 1, 1998**

**What's Up; A Tort, Insurance and Civil Practice Update, ISBA Civil Practice, Insurance Law and Tort Law Sections, ISBA midyear meeting December 13, 1996**

**Trial Techniques-Getting a Case Ready; Getting a Verdict (Pretrial Discovery) ISBA Tort Section Law Ed Series, Nov. 20 1995**

**Tort Reform: Day-To-Day Issues (Failure To Warn)-ISBA Tort Reform Law Ed Program, Nov. 1995**

**Building A Well-Balanced Life In The Law, ISBA YLD Law Ed Series, ISBA Annual Meeting June, 1995**

**How To Open A Small Law Office - ISBA Bridge the Gap Program, December, 1994**

**Professional memberships**

American Association for Justice, Illinois State Bar Association, and Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, past member of the Winnebago County Bar Association

**Community activities**

Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouting (Eagle Scout – past assistant Scout Master), Blackhawk Presbytery Commissioner to the PC(USA) General Assembly, June 2004; Blackhawk Presbytery PC(USA) Committee on Ministry (2005 – 2010); Westminster Presbyterian Church (Active Elder 2001-2003), Pastoral Nominating Committee (2004), Christian Education Commission (2001-2003), and Witness Commission (1999-2000), Habitat for Humanity local congregation liaison (1998-99)