



**Bill Essig is an experienced trial lawyer and litigator focused on defending pharmaceutical and medical device and consumer product companies in product liability and mass tort litigation in state and federal courts. Bill also has expertise in developing, preparing and presenting expert and company witnesses regarding medical and scientific issues.**

Bill has been a member of effective trial teams in federal multi-district litigation (MDL) and state court litigations in defense of pharmaceutical companies, including defending a prescription antipsychotic medication in numerous product liability trials. He also served as a member of teams defending a prescription fluoroquinolone medication in more than 1,500 cases in an MDL litigation and more than 2,000 cases in state courts.

Bill also has considerable experience defending various individual product liability and wrongful death cases involving prescription and over-the-counter medications, surgical staplers and clip applicators, orthopedic and spinal implants, surgical mesh, contact lenses, vaccines, tampons, and other products. Bill has successfully defended consumer fraud and other consumer class action litigation. Bill is also experienced in achieving successful resolutions for his clients in mediation and other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes.

Prior to joining the firm, Bill spent nearly two decades at an AmLaw 100 firm practicing in drug and medical device product liability litigation. He was a team leader for their drug and medical device product liability team and was a member of that firm's compensation committee.

Bill has been admitted as pro hac vice counsel in state and federal jurisdictions across the country and has served as an adjunct professor in complex litigation at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. He also has had an active pro bono practice over the years, particularly representing clients referred by Ascend Justice in Illinois.

## Professional and Community Involvement

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### EDUCATION

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, (J.D.), cum laude, 1996, Order of the Coif, Coordinating Note and Comment Editor of Northwestern University Law Review

Yale University, (B.A.), English, with distinction, 1992

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

### LANGUAGES

English

### PRACTICES

Litigation

Member and speaker, International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)

Board of directors member, Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI)

Adjunct Professor, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 1998-2008

Class agent and alumni interviewer, Yale University

## **Honors**

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