



## William R. Irwin

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Asbestos Litigation  
Construction  
Premises Liability  
Products Liability  
Toxic Tort Liability  
Transportation

### EDUCATION

Washington University, JD, 2007  
Illinois Wesleyan University, BA, Biology  
and Economics, *magna cum laude*, 2004

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois  
Michigan  
Missouri  
New York  
US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit  
US District Court, Northern District of  
Indiana  
US District Court, Southern District of  
Indiana  
US District Court, Central District of Illinois  
US District Court, Northern District of  
Illinois  
US District Court, Southern District of  
Illinois  
US District Court, Eastern District of  
Missouri  
US District Court, Eastern District of  
Wisconsin

### Overview

Will Irwin is a skilled litigator with experience in a variety of civil matters and a focus on products and premises liability claims associated with the use of asbestos.

As a leader of national coordinating counsel teams for multiple large industrial products companies, Will oversees asbestos litigation nationwide and in some of the country's most active and high-risk jurisdictions—including California, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri and New York—analyzing and executing client strategy with a long-term perspective. In addition to this national litigation work, clients frequently ask him to assist with merger and acquisition due diligence associated with asbestos-related risks.

As local and regional trial counsel in Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin and Indiana for numerous companies embroiled in litigation over the use of asbestos in their products and on their premises, Will handles the day-to-day aspects of large-liability wrongful death and terminal illness claims, including fact and expert depositions, pleadings and motion practice, settlement negotiations, and trial.

Prior to MG+M, Will was a shareholder at a national Chicago-based law firm. There in 2016, Will served as second chair trial counsel in an asbestos products liability action tried to verdict in St. Louis, Missouri, against one of the leading boutique mesothelioma plaintiff firms in the country. He successfully applied foreign law instead of Missouri law, which allowed the jury to allocate 95 percent of the fault for the plaintiff's injuries to non-parties. This strategy resulted in a verdict that represented a savings of more than \$4.75 million from the plaintiff's final settlement demand and savings of more than \$12.75 million from the amount of damages requested at trial.

Will previously served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Donald J. Stohr in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, where he gained invaluable insight into the judicial decision-making process that continues to inform his case strategy and enhance his ability to achieve positive results for his clients.

### Recognition

## William R. Irwin

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- + Illinois Emerging Lawyer, 2017–2022
- + Illinois *Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2016–2022

### Involvement

- + Defense Research Institute
- + Faculty Member and Participant, [MG+M Trial Academy](#), 2025–2026