



Hon. Thomas A. Meyer, (Ret.) Illinois

Neutral Availability

Judge Meyer has been involved in civil litigation for nearly four decades. Prior to becoming a judge, he was a founding partner at SmithAmundsen LLC (now Amundsen Davis LLC), Chicago office, and was chairman of the Civil Litigation practice group. His legal practice focused on construction, commercial transportation, product liability and professional liability. Judge Meyer took the bench in 2007 in the 22nd Circuit Court in McHenry County. There, he spent 13 years handling litigation in the Law Division. He has a wide range of experience, having tried and pre-tried hundreds of civil cases both as a litigator and judge. Judge Meyer has helped resolve matters involving everything from employment and partnership disputes to medical malpractice and nursing home cases. His unruffled demeanor along with his ability to understand the needs and interests of others make him well suited for his role as a mediator and arbitrator.

Types of Cases Resolved

Auto Liability

Bad Faith

Class Action

Construction Accidents

Construction Defect

Contract

Discrimination

Eminent Domain

Employment

Environmental

Fiduciary Duty

Fraud

Government

Insurance Coverage

Landlord-Tenant

Medical Malpractice

Nursing Home

Partnership Dispute

Personal Injury

Premises Liability

Product Liability

Professional Malpractice

Property Damage

Real Estate

Sexual Harassment

Shareholder Dispute

Temporary Restraining Order
(TRO)Uninsured & Underinsured
Motorist (UM&UIM)

Workers' Compensation



Estates

Probate

Wrongful Death

ADR Experience and Qualifications

Since joining ADR Systems in 2024, Judge Meyer has served as a full-time mediator and arbitrator

16-year judicial career in the 22nd Circuit Court of McHenry County, including Circuit Judge, initially assigned to traffic and later criminal; serving primarily in the Law Division, 2007-2023

23-year legal career in civil litigation at SmithAmundsen LLC, Chairman of Civil Litigation Group, 2003-2007 and Manager of firm's Rockford and Woodstock offices, 1994-2003; Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. 1987-1997; Associate at McSherry & Gray, 1985-1987

Arbitrator for the Cook, McHenry and Winnebago Counties' Mandatory Arbitration Program

Special Assistant State's Attorney, McHenry and Winnebago counties

Representative Cases

Contract: plaintiff, a medical clinic, filed suit alleging that a provider, while employed by clinic, violated non-compete agreement and misappropriated patient contact information; settled case when parties agreed to geographical areas where defendant might continue his new practice and a division of the patient lists

Medical Malpractice: plaintiff brought suit through her guardian against defendants, alleging medical malpractice due to failure to correctly diagnose and treat her condition; plaintiff experienced brain damage and a stroke, resulting in the appointment of a guardian to manage her affairs; matter settled for several million dollars

Medical Malpractice and Wrongful Death: allegations that the defendant provider failed to diagnose the plaintiff's decedent colorectal cancer

Medical Malpractice and Wrongful Death: case arising out of a failed stomach stapling surgery that was intended to help the plaintiff's decedent to lose weight

Personal Injury: plaintiff alleged significant injuries to his leg due to negligent operation of a stump grinder by defendant's employees

Probate: plaintiff and his siblings were beneficiaries of a family trust; suit for declaratory judgment involved allegations that trustees had violated their fiduciary duties and must be removed; settlement involved one of the trustees stepping down and the termination of the agreements that were alleged to have created the conflicts of interest

Real Estate: buyer claimed fraudulent misrepresentation from alleged failure to disclose water infiltration issues in the purchased residence; case was settled in early stages of the litigation

Wrongful Death: case arose from an automobile accident wherein the defendant's delivery van struck the plaintiff's vehicle and caused the death of one of the passengers



Personal Injury: settled case involving multiple defendants working on a housing development; resolution required interpretation of multiple subcontracts among the defendants

Professional Activities and Awards

Named a Super Lawyer in Illinois by Law & Politics

Member, Chicago Bar Association

Member, Winnebago County Bar Association

Member, McHenry County Bar Association

Member, Illinois State Bar Association

Member, Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

Presentations and Publications

Presenter, "Jury Instructions," O'Hagan, Smith & Amundsen LLC litigation attorneys

Presenter, "Issues in Electronic Discovery," O'Hagan, Smith & Amundsen LLC seminar

Presenter, "Tort Reform and Best v. Taylor," Kmart litigation team

Education

JD, DePaul University College of Law

BBA, St. Norbert College

Admissions

Illinois State Bar

Disclosure

I was a sitting judge for over 16 years, have practiced law and have been a mediator and arbitrator since 2024. Many attorneys have tried cases in my courtrooms or mediated or arbitrated a case with me.



disclosures listed above will not affect my neutrality in this dispute.