

Kurt E. Reitz

THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Kurt Reitz is experienced in the defense of personal injury and property damage litigation including F.E.L.A., trucking, product liability, class action and mass tort litigation. He has substantial experience in the preparation and trial of these matters and in appellate proceedings in both state and federal courts.

Mr. Reitz has handled FELA cases for Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Canadian National Railroad, Union Pacific Railroad Company and Illinois Midland Railroad, including both trial and appellate work in the state and federal courts. Mr. Reitz has also handled trucking and product liability cases for Schneider National Carriers, Inc., General Motors, Blue Bird Body Company, Long-Airbox Company, Joy Manufacturing Company and Detroit Diesel Corporation.

Mr. Reitz has briefed and argued numerous cases in the Illinois state appellate courts and in the Illinois Supreme Court. He has also briefed and argued cases in the United State Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits and has briefed three cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Reitz is the author of *Chapter Three, Pleadings and Motions of Illinois Products Liability* and is responsible for the yearly supplement. His experience in the field of products liability includes both trial and appellate work in state and federal courts.

Education and Academic Honors

- **University of Illinois School of Law**
(J.D., 1984)
- **University of Illinois**
(B.A., 1981)
With High Distinction
Phi Beta Kappa

Civic Involvement

- **Gibault Catholic High School**
School Board (1998-Present)
President (2001-Present)
Finance Committee – Chairman (2001-Present)
Endowment Committee (2003-Present)
Major Gifts Committee (2003-Present)
- **Waterloo Country Club**
Board of Directors, Vice President (1992-1998)
- **Human Support Services (HSS)**
Board of Directors (1988-1992)
- **HSS Endowment Foundation**
Board of Directors (1988-1992)



Employment

- **Thompson Coburn LLP**
Partner (1992-Present)
Associate (1984-1991)

Professional Affiliation

- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- St. Louis Bar Association
- St. Clair County Bar Association
Board of Directors
1992-1996
2000-2002
- Monroe County Bar Association