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Monte Mann has been a business trial lawyer in Chicago for almost 30 years. He represents clients in high-stakes business disputes concerning contracts, corporate governance, fraud and other business torts, with a particular emphasis on the financial services, commercial real estate, insurance and manufacturing industries. He also defends clients in legal malpractice lawsuits.

Monte is experienced in all phases of business litigation, including investigations, commencing suit, discovery, depositions, motion practice, trials, judgment enforcement and asset recovery.

Monte has earned numerous honors and distinctions throughout his career. He has been recognized for excelling as a commercial litigator by Chambers USA, the world's leading legal analytics provider, and as a National Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation, which is the Definitive Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Firms and Lawyers.

Monte also is recognized annually:

- As an "Illinois Leading Lawyer" by Law Bulletin Media, an independent panel that places him among the top five percent of attorneys in Illinois for his legal talent and ethical standing.
- As one of the "Best Lawyers in America" by US News & World Report, based on peer review.
- As an Illinois "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers Magazine, an honor conferred on no more than 5 percent of the attorneys in the state based on peer recognition for his professional achievement in Commercial Litigation.

Monte has been inducted into the Midwest Real Estate News Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame based on his accomplishments as a trial lawyer for his commercial real estate clients.

Monte also is a senior fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only honorary society for trial lawyers established to reflect the new face of the American bar. Membership is limited to 3,500 fellows, representing less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Monte is a member of the Trial Law Institute and Diversity Law Institute.

Monte has cross-examined some of Wall Street's most powerful players, including JPMorgan Chase Chief Executive Officer Jamie Dimon and New York Private Bank &

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Class Action Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation

Legal Malpractice Defense Litigation

Noncompete and Trade Secrets

Securities Regulation and Litigation

Agribusiness and Food

Consumer Products and Services

Energy and Utilities

Financial Services and Banking

Manufacturing and Innovation

Real Estate, Development, Construction

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Trust and Emigrant Savings Bank Chief Executive Howard Milstein.

In what the Chicago Tribune called an “extraordinary ruling,” the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, appointed Monte as its independent counsel to investigate the role of an indicted law firm in finding plaintiffs to bring a shareholders’ derivative action against a major aerospace manufacturer. This prestigious court appointment, and other cases Monte has handled, have been covered by national and local media, including the Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times and Crain’s Chicago Business.

Others have described Monte as follows:

- "... Monte Mann is dynamite in a courtroom and takes the time to make sure you as a client are fully briefed." - Anonymous
- "He is one of the hardest working and brightest people that I know, and he is incredibly committed to his clients and his legal practice.... Monte shows amazing poise, judgment and advocacy skills." - Marc Lisker, President, Dell Family Office
- "I am never concerned about whether a litigation matter is being handled properly when Monte is the lead attorney. He is pragmatic and is the epitome of a 'business persons' lawyer." - Alvin K. Marr, former General Counsel, Midas Int’l
- "His scholarship is first rate [and] he is brutally efficient. There are no wasted motions, no wasted words, no blind alleys and none of the nonsense oft times associated with litigation." - Jack Ambrister, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, Beitler Real Estate Services

Clients evaluating his performance for Chambers USA described his strengths as follows:

- “He is an exceptional lawyer with solid business judgement. He is my go-to for litigation advice and dispute resolution because he is responsive, understanding and creative.”
- “He knows how to litigate cases effectively and is not afraid of the courtroom. His advice is top-notch and he is able to anticipate both what the client needs and what the other side is thinking.”

Monte is also active in firm leadership and serves as a member of Armstrong Teasdale’s Executive Committee, having previously served on the Compensation Committee.

BACKGROUND

Monte was previously a lawyer at Novack and Macey in Chicago, and joined Armstrong Teasdale in 2023. For several consecutive years, based on Monte’s representation of a global leader in the design, manufacture, distribution and service of engines and related technologies, Novack and Macey was named one of the “Go-To” litigation firms for Fortune 500 companies by the publishers of Corporate Counsel magazine. This honor placed the firm in an exclusive group of law firms recognized for delivering exceptional services to Fortune 500 companies and an even more exclusive group that does so in the field of business litigation.

EDUCATION

- Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., 1995)
 - Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, Note and comment editor
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1992)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Litigation Counsel of America, Senior Fellow
- Trial Law Institute
- Diversity Law Institute
- Real Estate Investment Association (REIA) (Member)
- Armstrong Teasdale Compensation Committee

ACCOLADES

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation: General Commercial (2025)
- Benchmark Litigation, Litigation Star (2021-present); National Litigation Star (2025)
- 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch (2005)
- Illinois Leading Lawyers (2015-present)
- The Best Lawyers in America® (2020-2023)
- Illinois Super Lawyers® (2010-present)
- Midwest Real Estate News, Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame (2016)

EXPERIENCE

Defense of Owner Against REA Claims

Defended owner of landmarked high-rise building in claims brought by adjacent landowner under Reciprocal Easement Agreement (REA).

Handled Eviction Proceedings for Commercial Owner

Represented commercial owner in landlord-tenant eviction proceedings.

Defense in \$120 Million Claim for Negligent Real Estate Portfolio Advice

Defended global real estate services firm in \$120 million claim for negligent real estate portfolio advice.

Defense in Breach of Oral Contract Case Against Prominent Real Estate Developer

Defended claims asserted against prominent real estate developer for alleged breach of oral contract to share millions in profits.

Defense of Real Estate Services Firm in Multimillion-Dollar Veil-Piercing Case

Defended real estate services firm and related entities in multimillion-dollar veil-piercing claims.

Representation of Global Real Estate Lender in Multimillion-Dollar Contested Foreclosure

Represented global real estate lender in multimillion-dollar contested foreclosure of exclusive shopping center development project in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Defense of Multimillion-Dollar Contract Claim Against Large Shopping Mall REIT

Defended multimillion-dollar contract claim concerning internet hosting services asserted against one of largest shopping mall real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Representation of One of the Largest Shopping Mall REITs in Multimillion-Dollar Dispute

Represented one of largest shopping mall real estate investment trusts (REITs) in multimillion-dollar contract dispute concerning private line telecommunications.

Enforcement of Noncomplete, Nonsolicitation Agreements for Global Real Estate Firm

Represented global real estate services firm in enforcement of noncompete and nonsolicitation agreements with former employee.

Defense in Case Alleging Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Breach of Partnership Agreement

Represented general partner of real estate partnership in defense of claims brought by limited partner for breach of fiduciary duty and breach of partnership agreement.

Representation of Court-Appointed Receivers in High-Profile Shopping Mall Foreclosures

Represented court-appointed receivers in numerous high-profile commercial foreclosures of shopping malls.

Representation in \$110 Million Receivership

Represented court-appointed receiver in \$110 million receivership concerning interrelated real estate companies.

Representation of High-Profile Retail Tenant in Breach of Lease Case

Represented high-profile retail tenant in its multimillion-dollar breach of lease claim against landlord concerning redevelopment of State Street Corridor in Chicago.

Defense of Am Law 100 Firm in Legal Malpractice Claim

Defended international Am Law 100 law firm in legal malpractice claims involving product liability litigation, employment litigation, charitable gifting and conflicts of interest.

Defense of National Law Firm in Breach of Partnership, Dissolution Case

Defended claims asserted against national law firm in action brought by former partner for breach of partnership agreement, accounting and dissolution of partnership.

Independent Counsel in Illinois Circuit Court Investigation of Law Firm

Appointed as independent counsel in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, investigation of circumstances in which a law firm came to represent plaintiffs in a shareholders' derivative action against a major aerospace manufacturer.

Defense of Manufacturer in Antitrust and Consumer Fraud Class Actions

Defended international engine manufacturer in U.S. and Canadian antitrust and consumer fraud class action lawsuits.

Defense of Auto Supply Manufacturer in National Antitrust Class Actions

Defended automotive filters manufacturer in national antitrust class action lawsuits.

Representation of Plastics Manufacturer in Multimillion-Dollar Wrongful Death Suit

Represented plastics manufacturer in multimillion-dollar wrongful death claim arising from plant accident.

Representation of World's Largest Hourly Cost Maintenance Program for Private Jets

Represented the world's largest independent hourly cost maintenance program for private business jets in numerous business disputes.

Representation in \$22 Million Breach of Contract Action

Represented national truck lessor in breach of contract action for more than \$22 million.

Representation of Transportation Trade Association in Regulatory Matter

Represented transportation trade association against the state of Illinois in claims that certain state regulations were unconstitutional and otherwise void and unenforceable.

Defense Counsel in Multimillion-Dollar Hostile Takeover Bid and Related Prosecution

Defended founders of privately held aviation industry business in multimillion-dollar hostile takeover bid and in prosecuting claims related to the takeover attempts.

Defense of Buyer in Earn-Out Dispute

Defended buyer in earn-out dispute under a stock purchase agreement to acquire a technology company.

Representation of Large Health Insurance Company in Noncompete Matters

Represented one of the nation's largest health insurance companies by enforcing noncompetition agreements with former employees.

Emergency TRO Motion for Lender

Defended a secured lender's emergency motion for temporary restraining order to freeze assets of a computer software company.

Representation of Departing Founder in Contract Dispute

Represented departing founder in contract dispute concerning stock buyout pricing under a buy-sell agreement.

Representation of Employee Benefits Consultant in Misrepresentation, Fraud Case

Defended multimillion-dollar claims against employee benefits consultant for negligent misrepresentation and fraud.

Representation of Medical Corporation in Corporate Governance Dispute

Represented closely held medical corporation in corporate governance dispute with dissident minority shareholder.

Secured Dismissal in Infringement Action for Insurance Client

Secured dismissal of breach of software license and copyright infringement action brought against insurance industry client.

Defense of Executor in Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Intentional Misuse Case

Defended executor of estate and trustee of trust in claims brought by beneficiaries for breach of fiduciary duty and intentional misuse of trust and estate assets.

Representation of International Bank in Prosecution

Represented international bank in prosecution of claims related to purchase and sale of commercial mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs).

Representation of Numerous Clients in Embezzlement Claims

Represented numerous clients in claims against former employees or officers for embezzling millions in corporate funds.

Representation of Departing Company Founder in Protracted Negotiations

Represented departing company founder in protracted negotiations pursuant to buy-sell provision.