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Areas of Focus

Aerospace and Defense

Business Litigation

International Arbitration



Overview

A first-chair trial lawyer, Andrew Merrick represents companies and individuals in wide-ranging, complex contract and business disputes. Andrew's experience includes everything from breach of contract, trade secret misappropriation, deceptive trade practices and other business torts to claims arising under the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC).

Andrew excels in case management, determining a strategy and developing and managing a budget. An excellent communicator, he presents information and arguments clearly and succinctly, winning over judges and juries alike. Andrew strongly believes in performing an objective preliminary case assessment at the outset of any matter. He analyzes the key facts, legal issues and client objectives. Then he develops an overall strategy focused on proper staffing, a workable budget and achieving the client's objectives. Andrew's experience extends to resolving cases in domestic and international arbitration forums.

His diverse clientele includes aerospace, energy, financial services, food and beverage, government contracts and grants, hospitality, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, real estate and construction, technology and transportation companies from across the US. Andrew also maintains an active pro bono practice representing indigent clients. He has successfully defended a client charged with first-degree murder, secured asylum for a victim of gender violence in Tanzania and successfully resolved claims of excessive force against law enforcement.



Clients need a fierce advocate, but they also need their counsel to be candid with them about the strengths and weaknesses of their case. I serve my clients on both fronts.”

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Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 2006
- Virginia, 2024

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, JD, Order of the Coif; with High Honors, 2006
- Miami University, BA, *cum laude*, 2003

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2010
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2006

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *BTI Consulting*, Client Service All-Star, 2023
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2018-2021; Rising Star, 2014-2016
- Chicago Bar Foundation, Maurice Weigle Exceptional Young Lawyer Award, 2016
- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award, 2016

Community

- CARPLS, Board of Directors, 2017-present

- Compass to Care: The Mike & Sandy Ernsdorff Childhood Cancer Foundation, President of Board of Directors, 2015-2018; Member of Board of Directors, 2013-2020

Service to the Bar

- Chicago Bar Association, Chairman for Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, 2016-2018; Chairman for Securities Law Committee, 2009-2010