



**Bryce  
Downey  
& Lenkov** LLC

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## WHO WE ARE

Bryce Downey & Lenkov is a firm of experienced business counselors and accomplished trial lawyers committed to delivering services, success and satisfaction. We exceed clients' expectations everyday while providing the highest caliber of service in a wide range of practice areas. With offices in Chicago and Schererville, IN and attorneys licensed in multiple states, we are able to serve our clients' needs with a regional concentration while maintaining a national practice.

Our attorneys represent small, mid-sized and Fortune 500 companies in all types of disputes, are trial bar certified by the federal court and have been named Leading Lawyers, Super Lawyers, AV Preeminent and Rising Stars. Our clients enjoy a handpicked team of attorneys supported by a world-class staff.

## WHAT WE OFFER

Appellate Law

Business Law

Condominium Law

Construction Law

Entertainment Law

General Liability

Healthcare Law

Insurance Law

Intellectual Property

Labor & Employment Law

Products Liability

Professional Liability

Real Estate

Transportation Law

Workers' Compensation



## APPELLATE LAW

We have an appellate advocacy group with extensive experience at all levels. Members of the group specialize in detailed legal research, persuasive brief writing and compelling oral argument. Their work covers all of the firm's practice areas and involves cases in Illinois as well as Indiana. The appellate advocacy group has been instrumental in setting precedent in different areas of the law, including condominium and construction law. The group also handles administrative appeals relating to licensure and other similar issues.



## BUSINESS LAW

As described in Corporate/LLC/Partnership Organization and Governance, we also represent clients involved in the establishment, sale, or purchase of businesses (including professional practices) and in establishing joint ventures, strategic alliances and agency and distributor relationships.

As in all business representation, our emphasis in commercial transactions is to counsel the client prior to making a decision or engage in a transaction and to analyze and discuss fully their complete business options before a decision is made. This allows us to advise the client of ways to avoid costly and time-consuming problems before they arise.



## CONDOMINIUM LAW

We represent condominium associations in all areas of the law including transactions, construction claims and a wide array of disputes. Our attorneys have extensive knowledge and experience with ordinances and statutes that govern the formation and operation of condominiums in Illinois and regularly review and comment on proposed legislation.



## CONSTRUCTION LAW

We represent every type of participant in the construction industry in a variety of transactions and litigation matters. Our lawyers have a well-deserved reputation for providing effective, efficient representation to clients in this diverse area of the law. Our attorneys recognize, as do our clients, that excellent work and unparalleled service are what a business law firm must provide.

The experience of our attorneys has been as diverse as this industry. Our experience includes construction defects, delay and acceleration claims, product failures, labor and employment, defense of design professionals, construction liens, and insurance coverage disputes. This practice area also includes personal injury and property damage litigation in Illinois, Indiana and other states. Our firm represents owners, design professionals, general contractors, construction managers, developers, material suppliers, control manufacturers, facilities managers, and trade contractors.



## ENTERTAINMENT LAW

We have experience in all areas of the entertainment sector including music, theater, motion pictures, television, live performances, publishing, multi-media and advertising. We work with clients to develop branding strategies and protect their intellectual property rights.



## GENERAL LIABILITY

Our attorneys have more than 100 years of combined experience in defending and trying all forms of tort claims, including construction, premises, products, transportation and toxic tort matters in many state and federal jurisdictions.

As with our other practice areas, we develop a plan for prompt and effective resolution with our clients for each general liability defense case assigned to us. This can take the form of tendering our defense to another party or insurance carrier based on indemnification or “additional insured” contract provisions, presenting dispositive motions to dismiss a claim, alternative dispute resolution (in the form of mediation or arbitration), pretrial settlement conferences or the early procurement of a trial date.

Through the use of seminars and newsletters we seek to keep our clients apprised of all pertinent case law in the states in which we practice. We are always available on short notice to tailor and present individual seminars that meet our clients’ needs.



## HEALTHCARE LAW

We have extensive experience representing physicians, physicians groups, chiropractors, psychiatrists, dentists and other healthcare professionals in Illinois and Indiana against alleged claims of malpractice in virtually every specialty. We handle all aspects of a case, including trial and appeals with regard to licensing issues before the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Indiana State Boards and other state regulatory agencies.

We have also successfully represented drug manufacturers and manufacturers of medical devices in malpractice and product liability actions. We also advise clients in risk management issues, including advice on consent forms, policy and procedure, and document retention and production issues.



## INSURANCE LAW

Our attorneys provide insurance coverage advice regarding the application and interpretation of all forms of insurance coverage, from primary to excess to reinsurance. Insurance coverage disputes frequently result in litigation to determine the meaning of insurance policies and the application of policies to particular fact situations. Our attorneys have extensive experience in the handling of insurance coverage litigation, from representing clients in declaratory judgment actions at the trial court level to handling insurance coverage litigation in the appellate courts when that becomes necessary.

Insurance coverage law is constantly evolving. Every month, appellate courts in Illinois and other jurisdictions issue new decisions regarding insurance coverage issues, many of which may have a significant impact on existing disputes. As a service to our clients, we provide newsletters and seminars to keep our clients up to date on critical changes in insurance coverage law.



## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

We represent numerous clients in protecting these assets in the form of copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets, by providing clearance opinions for trademark filings, preparing copyright and trademark applications and prosecuting matters in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Our attorneys also are experienced in handling trademark, copyright and patent infringement lawsuits in federal courts all over the country. We counsel in pre-litigation investigations, including providing opinions regarding infringing uses of trademarks, service marks and trade names, preparing cease and desist letters and engaging in follow up negotiations. Finally, several of our attorneys have significant expertise in review of and obtaining insurance coverage related to copyright, trademark and unfair competition claims.



## LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

Bryce Downey & Lenkov is uniquely qualified to represent clients in labor and employment-related matters. Our current practice includes acting as general counsel for many companies on employment matters and defending employers insured by insurance companies under EPLI policies. We counsel clients to reduce risks associated with today's complicated employment law and, in the event of litigation, defend the employer in all employment-related claims. Our firm is experienced in handling all aspects of labor and employment law including labor disputes, Americans With Disabilities Act, retaliatory discharge, sexual harassment, and age, racial, sex and all other forms of discrimination before state and federal courts and administrative agencies in several jurisdictions.



## PRODUCTS LIABILITY

We defend manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, retailers and others who make products available to the public. Whether it is a manufacturing defect, design defect, failure to warn, negligence, strict liability, breach of warranty or consumer protection allegation, we employ aggressive resolution and litigation strategies to defend our clients.



## PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

We have extensive experience defending physicians, physicians groups, chiropractors, psychiatrists and other healthcare professionals against alleged claims of malpractice in virtually every specialty. We also represent attorneys, architects, engineers and other professionals. We handle all aspects of a case, including trial and appeals to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and other regulatory agencies. We have also successfully represented drug manufacturers and manufacturers of medical devices in malpractice and product liability actions.



## REAL ESTATE

Our real estate attorneys represent landlords and tenants in transactions involving retail, commercial, industrial, office, and residential properties. We assist our clients with issues ranging from percentage rent, common area maintenance, early termination, and rent concessions.

In addition, our firm counsels buyers and sellers in the purchase of commercial property and land for development; purchase and sale of office buildings and of multi-million dollar residences. We counsel developers with respect to acquisition of land, construction of buildings, establishment of condominium associations, development of business parks and sale or leasing of properties.

We also represent clients in a wide array of disputes ranging from complex litigation to appearing before village planning commissions and zoning boards and we assist clients seeking to reduce their real estate taxes for industrial, commercial, and residential properties.



## TRANSPORTATION LAW

Whether the case involves a catastrophic multivehicle collision, a FELA claim, or a property damage dispute, we aggressively work with clients to identify the issues, secure and control key evidence and accident reconstruction analyses and effectively protect the clients' interests in all aspects of litigation. We also maintain an emergency quick response team that allows us to quickly and thoroughly marshal evidence.



## WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

Bryce Downey & Lenkov represents many large and small business and insurance companies in Illinois and Indiana. Through early, aggressive investigation and proactive case handling, we resolve claims quickly and economically. Teamwork is a central pillar of our philosophy. Successful claims are a result of an ongoing and open dialog between attorney, client and third- party administrator or insurance company.



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