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Education

- JD DePaul University College of Law
- BA University of Wisconsin Madison

Experience

Norman Berger is a seasoned trial lawyer with a wide range of business litigation and counseling experience. He has litigated extensively in state and federal courts nationwide, and has tried cases before various state and federal regulatory agencies as well. Likewise, Mr. Berger has participated in numerous arbitrations and mediations, and has served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, giving him a broad background in alternative dispute resolution.

Mr. Berger has represented a broad range of clients in business disputes involving real estate, manufacturing, employment, trademark and copyright, class action, corporate, bankruptcy, securities, ERISA and insurance issues. He practices extensively in matters involving real estate related disputes and in matters involving environmental issues. He has in-depth experience dealing with highly complicated technical and regulatory issues and with examining technical experts. He has represented clients in a variety of industries, including real estate, retail, heavy manufacturing, chemical, and recycling industries. In addition to representing them in litigation, he counsels the same clients on issues related to insurance coverage, permitting, enforcement, and administrative matters.

Mr. Berger's practice is not limited to corporate clients. He is particularly proud of his efforts representing families whose homes have been contaminated by industrial pollution, resulting in,

at the very least, a drastic decrease in property value, and at worst, property damage and serious health issues. Mr. Berger's efforts on their behalf have resulted in remedies ranging from mandatory property cleanup to provision of clean water supplies, to monetary reimbursement for property damage and medical expenses in excess of \$65 million. Mr. Berger is a co-author of a blog on environmental issues which can be found at www.pollutionlawwatch.com . His work in this area can be found at www.thepollutionlawyers.com

Representative Engagements

- Acts as National Litigation Counsel for multi-national publicly held retailer with respect to real estate disputes.
- Acts as Common Counsel for PRP Group whose members include some of the largest multinational corporations in cost recovery litigation relating to a former landfill.
- Obtained clean-up and several multi-million dollar settlements for homeowners whose well water and homes had been contaminated with cancer-causing industrial solvents.
- Obtained a \$7.2 million settlement in a toxic tort case for a client whose childhood exposure to chemicals caused her cancer.
- Obtained a multi-million dollar judgment for a corporate client in one of the first cost-recovery trials under the CERCLA statute.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Member and Past Chairman of the Dean's Advisory Council for the DePaul University College of Law.
- Since 2005 has been selected each year as one of Illinois' Super Lawyers by Chicago Magazine in its annual guide to the top attorneys in Illinois.
- Since 1988, has served as a faculty member for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the leading trial advocacy training program for practicing attorneys.
- Past Chairman and Advisory Board Member of the Illinois State Historical Society's Centennial Awards Program, established to recognize the contributions of the State's preeminent firms and organizations.
- Founding participant of the Pro Bono Committee for Representation of Indigent Defendants developed by the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County.
- Served as President, Highland Park Giants Hockey Association.

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