

# RICHARD W. HILLSBERG OF COUNSEL

## Litigation



Richard Hillsberg has been a practicing attorney since 1967. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, mechanics lien foreclosures, bankruptcy, insolvency solutions, and probate litigation.

Prior to settling in the Chicagoland area, Richard served as an Army Judge Advocate officer at 5th Army Headquarters, where he was a prosecuting

attorney, defense Military Judge, and the 5th Army Legal Assistance Officer (1967-1971). Richard has been a partner with the law firm of Zissman and Hillsberg (1977-1983), a partner with the law firm of Tishler and Wald (1983-1995), and a principal of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit (1995-2009). He also served as an interim trustee in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois (1980-1986).

Richard has tried numerous cases in State and Federal courts in addition to having argued appeals before those tribunals (including before the Illinois Supreme Court). He has an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell; their highest peer rating for ethical standards and professional ability.

Richard is also an active member of the community, having served for over five years on the Highland Park Lake Front Commission, including two years as its Chairman. Additionally, in 2015 he was elected to the initial Board of Directors of the Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic (now The North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic) and served as a Director until 2021 when he volunteered to serve as the Legal Aid Clinic's General Counsel.

## AWARDS

- Named by Illinois Super Lawyers magazine as being among the top attorneys in Illinois (2009-2012, 2007, 2005)

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## EDUCATION

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1966
- B.S. Economics (Political Science), Wharton School of Finance & Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, 1963

## ADMISSIONS

- Illinois State Bar
- District of Columbia Bar
- New York State Bar
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (member, Trial Bar)
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- American Bar Association (Litigation Section)
- JAGC U.S. Army (1967-1971); Military judge (1969-1971)

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**DECISIONS**

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- In re Barr, 457 B.R. 733, (N.D. Ill. 2011)
- In re Netzel, 442 B.R. 896 (N.D. Ill. 2011)
- Knolls Condominium Association v. Harms, 202 Ill.2d 450 (2002)
- In re Fosco, 289 B.R. 78 (N.D. Ill. 2002)
- Baker v. Daniel S. Berger, Ltd., 323 Ill.App.3d 956 (1st Dist. 2001)
- 200 Wilstein v. San Tropai Condominium Association, 189 F.R.D. 371 (N.D. Ill. 1999)2 Venue
- Mediscreen Corp. v. State, 47 Ill.Ct.Cl. 41 (1995)
- Northern Trust Co. v. Peters, 69 F.3d 123 (7th Cir. 1995)
- Mark I, Inc. v. Gruber, 38 F.3d 369 (7th Cir. 1994)
- Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. v. First Sec. Financial Corp., 1992 WL 51000 (N.D. Ill. 1992)
- Williams v. Stefan, 133 B.R. 119 (N.D. Ill. 1991)
- In re L & S Industries, Inc., 122 B.R. 987 (N.D. Ill. 1991)
- Kanter & Eisenberg v. Madison Associates, □116 Ill.2d 506 (1987)
- Inre Riggsby, 66 B.R. 329 (N.D. Ill. 1986)
- Kanter & Eisenberg v. Madison Associates, □602 F.Supp. 798 (N.D. Ill. 1985)
- Abrams v. Oppenheimer Government Securities, Inc., 737 F.2d 582 (7th Cir. 1984)
- Abrams v. Oppenheimer Government Securities, Inc., □589 F.Supp. 4 (N.D. Ill. 1983)
- Farns Associates, Inc. v. South Side Bank, 93 Ill.App.3d 766 (1st Dist. 1981)
- Farns Associates, Inc. v. Sternback, □77 Ill.App.3d 249 (1st Dist. 1979)
- Beathard v. Chicago Football Club, Inc., □419 F.Supp. 1133 (N.D. Ill. 1976)