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Admitted to bar 1988, Illinois and U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Education

Ohio Northern University (J.D., 1987)

Eastern Illinois University (B.A., 1984)

Member

Chicago, Illinois State and American Bar Associations

Illinois Workers' Compensation Trial Attorneys' Association

Workers' Compensation Claims Association

Illinois Self-Insurer Association

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce Employment Law Committee

Practice Areas

Workers' compensation defense

Third-party defense of employers

Civil liability defense

Labor and employment law

Bradley C. Knell is admitted to the Illinois State Bar and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University (B.A., 1984) and Ohio Northern University (J.D., 1987). Currently an Equity Principal with the firm of Knell O'Connor Danielewicz, Mr. Knell has specialized in Workers' Compensation and Civil Litigation. Mr. Knell has tried and supervised more than 150 Workers' Compensation cases at the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. He also handles Insurance Fraud, 1(b) Employer's Liability and Employment matters. Mr. Knell has led and spoken at many seminars concerning Workers' Compensation, Insurance Fraud and Employment matters. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Bar Association and the Illinois Workers' Compensation Trial Attorney Association.

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Key Client Results:

Deborah Staley v. Allied Tube (2014)

\$0 award; Petitioner failed to prove the cause of her fall was work related.

Casey Fletcher v. Asplundh Tree (2014)

Trial – Wage differential denied.

Salvador Moreno v. OBRC Construction (2010)

\$0 award on foot amputation; proved the Petitioner's diabetes was the cause and not the accident.

Global Products v. IWCC and John Hall (2008)

The Illinois Appellate Court held that an employer could rely on their IME opinions to avoid penalties and fees.

James Tucci v. Cannon Roofing (2007)

19(b) – no accident. Arbitrator found the Petitioner to be “fraudulent” as to accident.

APComPower v. David Robert (2007)

Secured a Civil Fraud Judgment order for \$163,407.69 against a “double-dipping” Petitioner.

Timothy Slater v. Select Build (2006)

19(b) – \$0 TTD awarded. Pursued Civil Fraud afterwards and was able to close out Workers' Compensation permanency in exchange for fraud case dismissal.

Builders Square v. Joyce Peters (2003)

The Appellate Court found “unexplained fall” resulting in death was due to idiopathic/internal reasons. The Illinois “Positional Risk” doctrine was upheld.

Gerald Bowers v. Ted Shoes/G.C. Masonry (2000)

Kankakee County – not guilty. Was able to obtain 100% of recoverable Workers' Compensation lien.

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