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The Firm

Wolf & Wolfe, Ltd. is a full service civil litigation firm. The firm's clients consist primarily of self-insured corporations, insurance companies and third-party administrators and their clients. The firm also provides services to a number of individual clients.

All of the firm's attorneys are licensed in the State of Illinois. Additionally, several of the firm's attorneys are licensed in Indiana and Wisconsin, as well as various Federal District Courts.

The firm has litigated thousands of civil cases in numerous venues involving a wide range of legal issues. Also, the firm has litigated Workers' Compensation cases at many venues across Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

The firm's attorneys have also litigated appeals before The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the Illinois Supreme Court and the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts of the Illinois Appellate Court. The firm has also litigated appeals in various appellate districts before the Workers' Compensation Division.

The firm's attorneys pride themselves on being highly accessible to clients and make every effort to return phone calls and e-mails as soon as possible. Also, the firm's attorneys focus on keeping legal bills as low as possible while at the same time providing high quality and aggressive legal representation.

Our attorneys have tried jury trials to verdict in the following venues:

- The Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- Chicago (Cook County, Illinois)
- Markham (Cook County, Illinois)
- Joliet (Will County, Illinois)
- Rockford (Winnebago County, Illinois)
- Peoria (Peoria County, Illinois)
- Wheaton (DuPage County, Illinois)
- Pekin (Tazewell County, Illinois)
- Yorkville (Kendall County, Illinois)
- Dixon (Lee County, Illinois)
- Springfield (Sangamon County, Illinois)
- Decatur (Macon County, Illinois)
- Waukegan (Lake County, Illinois)
- Hammond (Lake County, Indiana)
- Crown Point (Lake County, Indiana)

Our commitment to our clients:

01. We will never perform unnecessary work.

02. We will always endeavor to balance our professional judgment with economic considerations when determining what legal work should be done.

03. We will work as diligently and zealously as possible while maintaining the quality of our work in order to minimize the time required to perform a given task.

04. We will earnestly endeavor to limit the costs associated with any legal work as much as possible.

05. We will not use standard or minimum billing entries with the exception of our disclosed units of incremental billing (tenths of an hour).

06. We will not bill our clients for general overhead expenses such as routine photocopying, telephone (including long distance), telefax and general clerical work.

07. Our clients always receive the benefit of any economies of scale such as multiple simultaneous court appearances by a single attorney (total time spent is pro-rated over all cases handled).

08. We will not re-bill for work previously performed on another file when that same work product is utilized (motions, research, etc.) other than the time necessary to modify or update the work.

09. We will always be available to discuss any questions a client has about a bill and will never make a client feel uncomfortable about making such inquiries.

10. We will otherwise respond to the trust that has been placed in us by maintaining the highest possible level of integrity in our billing practices and legal work.

Our representative clients include:

- Accident Fund Insurance Co.
- ADP TotalSource
- Air Design Systems
- American Interstate (Amerisafe) Insurance Co.
- Amerisure Insurance Co.
- Artex/Cedar Hill
- Ashley Furniture
- Badger Mutual Insurance Co.
- Bank of America
- Bergstrom, Inc.
- Bituminous Insurance Co.
- Broadspire
- Constitution State Service Company
- Cunningham Lindsey Claims Management
- Darling International
- Esurance Insurance Co.
- First Non-Profit Insurance Co.
- Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.

- Highlands Insurance Group
- Hortica (Florists Mutual Insurance Co.)
- Kemper Auto & Home Group
- Kemper National Insurance Co.
- Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.
- Meadowbrook Insurance Group
- Michael's Stores
- National American Insurance Co.
- PeopLease
- QPS Companies, Inc.
- Secura Insurance Co.
- Sedgwick Claims Management
- St. Paul/Travelers Insurance Co.
- Union Standard Insurance Co.
- United Heartland Insurance Co.
- Unitrin Direct Insurance Co.
- Vanliner Insurance Co.

Practice Areas

The Law Offices of Wolf & Wolfe, Ltd. serves its clients' needs in:

- Construction Defense
(Personal Injury & Construction Defects)
- Transportation Liability (Automotive and Trucking)
- Workers' Compensation Defense
- Commercial Litigation
- Miscellaneous Negligence
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Fraud litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Civil Appeals
- Breach of Contract
- Unjust Enrichment
- Automobile Lemon Laws
- Consumer Fraud
- Insurance Subrogation
- Nursing Home Liability
- Latex Glove Liability
- Federal 1983 violations
- Employment discrimination
- EEOC defense

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Attorney Profile / Principal & Officer

Steven C. Wolf

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Mr. Wolf has more than twenty years experience as a civil trial attorney. He is licensed in all courts in the State of Illinois and Wisconsin, the Federal District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois and the Eastern District of Missouri, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and The United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, DuPage County Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel and the Council on Litigation Management. He previously served as the Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair of the Tort Litigation Committee of the Chicago Bar Association. He completed his undergraduate education at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. His legal education was completed at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Mr. Wolf has tried more than thirty jury trials to verdict, many of which involved damages in excess of \$1 million. He has tried jury trials to verdict in the following venues:

- The Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- Chicago (Cook County, Illinois)
- Markham (Cook County, Illinois)
- Wheaton (DuPage County, Illinois)
- Yorkville (Kendall County, Illinois)
- Dixon (Lee County, Illinois)
- Pekin (Tazewell County, Illinois)
- Springfield (Sangamon County, Illinois)
- Decatur (Macon County, Illinois)
- Hammond (Lake County, Indiana)

Mr. Wolf has been selected to act as Arbitrator in many uninsured and underinsured automobile cases. In addition, Mr. Wolf has been sought out and retained by other attorneys to act as trial counsel in complex tort cases.

Mr. Wolf has tried jury trials to verdict involving the following causes of action:

- Construction negligence
- Veterinary malpractice
- Illinois Structural Work Act
- Social Worker malpractice
- Construction defects
- Contribution
- Fraud
- Wrongful Death/Survival Act
- Property damage
- Transportation/Trucking negligence
- Breach of contract
- Automobile negligence
- Unjust enrichment
- Product liability
- Subrogation
- Premises liability
- Municipal liability

Also, Mr. Wolf has represented clients in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts of the Illinois Appellate Court (including the Workers' Compensation Division) and The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

In addition, Mr. Wolf has litigated and tried hundreds of Workers' Compensation cases at numerous venues throughout Illinois. Mr. Wolf has presented numerous seminars to insurance companies and other clients on subjects related to Illinois tort law and the defense of workers' compensation claims. A significant part of his practice is devoted to defending cases arising out of construction activities.

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David H. Wolfe

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Mr. Wolfe has more than fifteen years experience as a civil trial attorney. He is licensed to practice law in the State Courts of Illinois and Wisconsin. He is also licensed in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and is a member of the Federal Trial Bar.

He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, DRI and the Workers' Compensation Lawyers Association.

He graduated with honors from the University of Illinois (B.S., 1991) and from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (J.D., 1994)

Mr. Wolfe has an active civil litigation practice. He has tried jury trials to verdict in:

- Cook County (Chicago)
- DuPage County (Wheaton)
- Peoria County (Peoria)
- Will County (Joliet)
- Winnebago County (Rockford)

Mr. Wolfe has conducted numerous examinations under oath, arbitrations and mediations. He is regularly selected as an Arbitrator for uninsured and underinsured motorist claims. In addition, Mr. Wolfe has litigated hundreds of workers' compensation cases in the majority of Illinois venues.

Mr. Wolfe currently handles cases in the areas of:

- Construction negligence
- Insurance coverage
- Automotive negligence
- Commercial litigation
- Transportation/Trucking negligence
- UM/UIM claims
- Fraud litigation
- Workers' Compensation Defense
- Premises liability
- General Civil Litigation

Mr. Wolfe regularly speaks at seminars on a wide range of topics related to Illinois tort law, workers' compensation claims, and insurance coverage.

Attorney Profile / Officer

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After spending more than 20 years in the business world as a consumer of legal services, Mr. Grady earned his law degree and is licensed to practice before all Illinois and Indiana State Courts, the U.S. Seventh Circuit, as well as the Northern District of Illinois where he is a member of the trial bar, and the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana as well as the Eastern District of Missouri.

Mr. Grady has tried more than 15 cases to jury verdict during his 13 years of practice including cases involving damages in excess of \$1,000,000 and cases in which plaintiffs sought punitive damages. Mr. Grady has tried cases to verdict in the Northern District of Illinois, Cook County Law and Municipal Districts, Lake County, Illinois and Lake County, Indiana.

Mr. Grady represents his clients in matters including:

- Wrongful death
- 1983 claims
- Contribution
- Construction negligence
- EEOC claims
- Coverage issues
- Construction defects
- Employment discrimination
- Property damage
- Transportation/trucking negligence
- Lemon law
- Breach of contract
- Cargo loss
- Consumer fraud
- Unjust enrichment
- Automobile negligence
- Truth in Lending Act

- Subrogation
- Product liability
- Mechanic's Liens
- Legal malpractice
- Premises liability
- Trademark/copyright infringement
- Professional malpractice
- Illinois Structural Work Act

Mr. Grady also litigates and has tried workers' compensation cases in Illinois and Indiana and represents his clients before the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

A trial win or prevailing at an administrative hearing does not end the case when one of the parties appeals the decision. Mr. Grady has handled over 20 appeals before the Illinois Supreme Court and Illinois Appellate Court's Workers' Compensation Division, First, Second and Fourth Districts. He represents his clients before the Appellate Court on a wide range of issues including *forum non conveniens*, statutes of limitation, Structural Work Act, workers' compensation disputes, coverage issues, jurisdictional questions and trial court error.

Mr. Grady earned his B.A. from Chaminade University of Honolulu, his MBA, with distinction, from Keller Graduate School of Management and his law degree from John Marshall Law School. He is a member of the Chicago and Illinois Bar Associations, the Indiana Bar Association, Defense Trial Counsel and the Defense Research Institute. Mr. Grady also served as a mock trial coach for several of John Marshall Law School's inter-scholastic Mock Trial Competition teams in addition to presenting seminars to his clients on various Illinois tort law issues.

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Mr. Jacobson joined The Law Offices of Wolf & Wolfe, Ltd in August of 2000. He has been a licensed attorney in the state of Illinois since 2000 and in Indiana since 2001. He focuses his practice in the areas of workers' compensation defense, employer liability and civil litigation defense.

Mr. Jacobson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997. He went on to earn his juris doctor from DePaul University College of Law in 2000 and joined Wolf & Wolfe at that time. Since that time, he has had extensive trial experience before both the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, as well as jury and bench trial experience in circuit court.

Mr. Jacobson focuses his practice in the areas of workers' compensation defense, employer liability defense and civil litigation defense. He has tried a multitude of cases before the Workers' Compensation Commission in venues throughout Illinois over the past decade.

His professional affiliations include the Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association and the Workers' Compensation Lawyers' Association. He is the author of The Child Online Protection Act: Taming the World "Wild" Web, DePaul Journal of Art and Entertainment Law, Spring 1999, Volume IX, Number 2.

Attorney Profile / Associate

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Ms. Bentley has more than six years experience in civil litigation. She is licensed to practice law in Illinois and in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She is a member of the Chicago Bar Association. She earned her undergraduate degree at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1999. She earned her J.D. degree from DePaul University College of Law in 2003.

A significant part of Ms. Bentley's practice has been devoted to defending workers' compensation cases.

She has litigated and tried numerous workers' compensation cases throughout Illinois. She has also presented seminars to insurance companies on the defense of workers' compensation claims.

In addition, Ms. Bentley has defended civil cases involving automobile negligence, construction negligence, product liability, premises liability, consumer fraud, property damage, breach of contract, insurance subrogation, and minors' claims.

Attorney Profile / Associate

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Ms. Burtnett completed her undergraduate education at Kansas State University in 2000 where she graduated cum laude and joined the Phi Beta Kappa honors society. Ms. Burtnett completed her legal education at Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2003 where she graduated cum laude and was named to the Dean's List multiple times. While in law school, Ms. Burtnett handled the administration of both decedent and guardianship estates. Following law school, she assisted in the establishment of an adult guardianship pro se help desk for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Probate Division.

Ms. Burtnett has been licensed in all courts in the State of Illinois since 2003 and is a member of the Chicago Bar Association. She is also admitted to practice

before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Ms. Burtnett litigates both civil and workers' compensation cases throughout Illinois. She concentrates her civil practice on insurance defense matters, including construction negligence, wrongful death, employer's liability, automobile negligence and premises liability. She also has experience litigating products liability and breach of contract actions.

Ms. Burtnett has tried workers compensation cases and assisted in the trial of civil jury trials, many of which involved damages in excess of \$1 million. Ms. Burtnett has also handled appeals to the Illinois Appellate Court and the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

Attorney Profile / Associate

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Ms. Cullen is licensed in all courts in the State of Illinois and the State of Minnesota. She is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the Minnesota Bar Association. She previously served as Chair of the Law Student Committee of the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association. She completed her undergraduate education at Illinois Wesleyan University in 2004. She graduated from The DePaul University College of Law *cum laude* in 2007, where she was named to the Dean's List multiple times. Ms. Cullen obtained her Health Law Certificate from The DePaul University College of Law.

Ms. Cullen's past experience includes clerking for The Honorable Allen S. Goldberg in the Circuit Court of

Cook County's Commercial Law Division as well as working at a civil litigation defense firm.

Ms. Cullen concentrates her practice in civil litigation, defending cases involving automobile negligence, construction negligence, property damage, personal injuries, wrongful death, product liability, and premises liability. Ms. Cullen has also litigated insurance subrogation cases. She has represented clients in Municipal Division and Law Division cases in Cook County and in many other counties in Illinois. In addition, she has defended workers' compensation cases throughout Illinois.

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Ms. DaVanti earned her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago in 2006. In 1997, she graduated from Northwestern University with a B.A. in mathematics and economics. She was admitted to the Illinois bar in 2006 and is a member of the Chicago Bar Association. She is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Ms. DaVanti concentrates her practice in litigation. She counsels and assists her clients in a wide variety of insurance defense matters, including construction negligence, automobile negligence, premises liability, contribution, and wrongful death. She also has experience litigating Uniform Commercial Code and breach of contract cases. She has litigated civil cases in state court in Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, LaSalle, McHenry, Peoria, Sangamon, St. Clair, Tazewell, White, and Will counties.

Ms. DaVanti also has trial experience in the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. She has litigated workers' compensation cases throughout Illinois and has negotiated many favorable settlements on behalf of her clients.

Prior to law school, Ms. DaVanti worked in California for Towers Perrin and William M. Mercer as an actuarial associate in those firms' retirement lines of business. During her four years in the pension consulting industry, she diligently served her clients and consistently delivered high-quality quantitative and strategic analyses. Also prior to entering the legal field, she was employed by PacifiCare of California for two years as a financial analyst.

Attorney Profile / Associate

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Mr. Jensen has more than fifteen years experience as a civil trial attorney and concentrates his practice in the defense of worker's compensation cases. Since 1994, he has represented employers in workers' compensation cases throughout the State of Illinois and has tried more than a 100 cases. He has tried workers compensation cases in Peoria, Springfield, Joliet, Geneva, Waukegan, Wheaton, Woodstock and Chicago. Mr. Jensen also has experience defending employers in civil cases.

He is licensed in all courts in the State of Illinois and is a member of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Lawyers Association. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a degree in Finance and graduated from John Marshall Law School, cum laude.

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Lee A. Laudicina concentrates his practice on civil litigation. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 2008 and his areas of expertise include commercial insurance defense, casualty insurance defense, workers' compensation defense, commercial litigation and insurance coverage.

Mr. Laudicina graduated cum laude from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2008 after receiving a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan in 2005. Accomplishments in law school include an Advocacy Certificate, Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Team, Loyola University Chicago International Law Review Associate Editor, Legal Writing Tutor and three CALI Awards.

Mr. Laudicina has represented a wide range of clients in automobile negligence, premises liability, contribution, construction negligence and workers' compensation actions. He has also represented clients in areas involving wrongful death, conversion, unjust enrichment and invasion of privacy.

Previous public and private sector experience includes working for the former Chief Federal Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Public Health, a former U.S. Senator and current Vice President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and a commercial litigation firm.