



RICHARD HUNSAKER

Education: Washington University School of Law, J.D. 1986; University of Illinois, M.A. 1983; University of Illinois, B.A. 1982

Accomplishments: Partner with Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, where he has practiced since 1986. Since 2018, Richard has been the Managing Partner of Heyl Royster's St. Louis office. Richard has been recognized as a Leading Lawyer of Illinois and a Super Lawyer in both Missouri and Illinois. In Missouri, he was noted as achieving a top defense verdict (2004, 2010) by Missouri Lawyers Weekly. Richard recently completed a term as President of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) for the Eastern Missouri/Southern Illinois Chapter. ABOTA is an national organization limited to attorneys who have significant civil jury trial experience. Before attending law school, Richard studied small group communication and problem solving as part of his graduate studies in the field of communications. Much of the same academic research in those areas is utilized in the study of effective mediation and alternative dispute resolution. After becoming a lawyer, Richard practiced for over 15 years in Winnebago County, Illinois – the venue where the Illinois Supreme Court implemented its pilot court annexed mediation project for all civil cases. In 2002, Richard relocated to Heyl Royster's Edwardsville office to assist his firm in the handling of civil cases, including class action, medical device and professional liability disputes. In 2018, Richard helped open Heyl Royster's St. Louis office, where he serves as the managing partner. Over his thirty-five years as a practicing attorney, Richard has participated in more than one hundred mediations in various jurisdictions throughout the Mid-West, including Chicago, Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Southern Illinois and St. Louis. His training in communication studies coupled with his experience as a trial lawyer make him an excellent choice to guide parties through the successful mediation of complicated disputes. For additional information regarding Mr. Hunsaker, please go to [Heyl Royster](#). The majority of Richard's practice involves defending medical providers in civil cases where medical malpractice is alleged. During the course of his practice, Richard has handled cases in the areas of insurance coverage, construction accidents, premises liability, class action disputes, wrongful death, medical malpractice, catastrophic personal injury, products liability and professional liability.

Affiliations: American Board of Trial Advocates, Madison County Bar Association, St. Clair County Bar, American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, The Missouri Bar, State Bar of Wisconsin