

NARRATIVE

David has been a trial attorney in Chicago for nineteen years. David began his legal career at one of Chicago's premier law firms, Altheimer & Gray. While at Altheimer & Gray, David handled complex commercial and civil litigation for some of the most sophisticated clients in the world. David has represented clients in small claims court all the way through the United States Supreme Court. He has tried numerous bench and jury cases in both Federal and state courts. David split from Altheimer & Gray 10 years ago to form his own firm. David continues acting as a trial attorney for individuals and small businesses in Cook County courts.

David received his juris doctor from Loyola University Chicago Law School in 1988 where he graduated near the top of his class. David also graduated near the top of his class from the University of Illinois where he received a BS in economics and finance.

As productive as his legal career has been, David is also an active volunteer. David has volunteered with the Chicago Community Trust, Youth Leaders Fund and the Lincoln Park Zoo. David also taught trial advocacy at Jones College Prep in Chicago's south loop. David currently helps the Partners in Community Building raise money. David is active in his community and annually coaches youth sports teams. David is a contributor to several charities including Perspectives Charter School.

David's goal as judge is to provide each and every person in his courtroom with a well prepared judge and a prompt and efficient resolution of their case. David's commitment to the legal system ensures that each litigant will be treated with respect, dignity, and impartiality.

SUMMARY

Law Offices of David H. Latham – 1997 - Present

Altheimer & Gray – 1988 to 1997

Commercial litigation practice involving business and securities fraud; RICO; bankruptcy; mortgage foreclosures; construction litigation and mechanics liens; employer/employee disputes and disputes involving general corporate, employment and corporate management matters. Handled hundreds of cases with primary responsibility. Tried more than ten bench and jury cases in both Federal and state courts. Handled more than twenty contested arbitrations where rules of evidence and procedure applied.

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

-Juris Doctor - 1988

-Graduated in top fifteen percent of class

-Received top grade in Antitrust, Estate Planning, and Constitutional Law

University of Illinois at Chicago

-B.S. in Economics (4.0 GPA) and Finance (3.75 GPA) - 1985

-Overall GPA - 3.8 (4.0 scale)

-Ranked in top three percent of graduating class

-Honors: Beta Gamma Sigma; Highest Department Honors (Economics); High Departmental Honors (Finance); Alumni Leadership Award; Dean's list (1981-1985).

-Editor-in-Chief, Chicago ILLINI Newspaper