

Steven V. Hunter

Partner

Steven V. Hunter is a trial lawyer with first-chair experience representing companies in: discovery, motions practice, arbitration, mediation, jury trials, bench trials, and appeals in the US and abroad.

Mr. Hunter represents:

- Financial Institutions and Other Companies:
 - syndicated loan, lender liability, fraud/consumer fraud, RESPA, TILA, FCRA, FDCPA and TCPA defense
 - enforcing commercial loans and guarantees (including the recovery and disposition of secured assets)
- International Manufacturing Companies:
 - raw material, component, and end-product manufacturers in various industries including automotive/trucking and food
 - manage a national portfolio of more than 1,200 active asbestos disputes for first-tier auto supplier
 - joint venture disputes
 - breach of contract/warranty disputes
 - product liability
 - business tort disputes
- Private Companies:
 - ownership/ "corporate divorce" disputes
 - contract and business tort disputes
 - before Illinois Department of Professional Regulations, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago Department of Finance (Tax)
- Construction Companies: (construction managers, owners, and trades) in construction disputes.
- Landlords and Tenants: commercial leasing disputes
- Entertainers and Professional Athletes in business and personal liability disputes, including but not limited to probate/estate/trust disputes
- Pro Bono: criminal, family law and political asylum

Mr. Hunter also has significant experience:

i) At Arbitration:

Mr. Hunter has served as lead counsel in more than fifty (50) arbitrations in the United States and abroad. He has represented clients in securities claims before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and other commercial disputes before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the



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International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), and the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. ("JAMS") (as well as others)

ii) With E-Discovery:

Managing high-volume ESI productions, computer forensic analysis, and complex data preservation issues is an area where Mr. Hunter has had significant experience. He is an ACEDS certified electronic discovery specialist.*

In addition, he is regularly invited to speak on issues related to electronic discovery, trial practice, legal ethics, pro bono, and diversity in the legal profession.

* The bars of Illinois and New York do not recognize legal specialties.

Legal Services

- [E-Discovery](#)
- [Banking & Financial Institutions](#)
- [Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Fiduciary, Trust and Probate Litigation](#)
- [Financial Institutions Litigation](#)
- [Securities and Shareholder Litigation](#)

Education and Honors

- Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, Certificate, Quarles & Brady Leadership Program (2018)
- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2002)
 - Barrister's Council, Trial Division Chairman
 - American College of Trial Lawyers "Excellence in Trial Advocacy" Award (2001–2002)
 - National Black Law Students Association (National Attorney General)
- Brown University (A.B., 1999)
 - Majors: Political Science & Economics
 - AMTA Mock Trial Team Chairman
 - AMTA Eastern Regional Mock Trial Tournament (Best Advocate, 1999)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2015

- New York State Court, 2011
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois, 2004
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2002
- Illinois State Court, 2002

Professional and Civic Activities

- American Bar Foundation (Fellow)
- The Economic Club of Chicago (Member)
- Chicago United (Member)
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (Fellow)
- Brown University Club of Chicago (Member)
- Quarles & Brady National Diversity Committee
- Art Institute of Chicago (Co-Chair, Leadership Advisory Council; Ex-Officio Member of Board of Trustees)
- Museum of Science and Industry (Member of the President's Council)
- Boy Scouts of America, Inc., Northeast Illinois Council (NEIC) (General Counsel)
- Chicago Child Care Society (Board Member)
- Delta Research and Education Fund (Board of Directors)
- Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Committee (Hearing Officer)
- Iona Calhoun School of Classical Ballet, Inc. (Board Member)
- The Chicago Sinfonietta (Former Board Member)
- HealthConnect One, Inc. (Former Board Member)
- Chinatown Legal Clinic (Former Clinic Co-Chairman)
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Member, Chicago Alumni Chapter)
- Chicago Bar Association (Former Chairman of committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity)
- The Chicago Bar Foundation (Former Member of the Young Professionals Board)
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Inc. (Former Board Member and Clinic Chairman)
- National Bar Association (Member)
- Illinois State Bar Association (Member)
- New York State Bar Association (Member)
- Chicago Committee on Minorities In Large Law Firms (Former Associate's Committee Member)
- Asian Legal Services Clinic (Former clinic chairman)
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (Member)
- ISBA Commercial Banking, Collections & Bankruptcy Law Council (Member, 2015-2016)

Professional Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in 2019 Notable Minorities in Accounting,

- Consulting and Law in Chicago by *Crain's Chicago Business* (2019)
- "Business Leader of Color", Chicago United (2017)
- "Top Attorneys in Illinois," Chicago Magazine (2016)
- Michael L. Gonring Pro Bono Partner of the Year Award (2015)
- James P. Lykes African-American Male Image Award (2015)
- "Emerging Lawyer" *Leading Lawyers* (2015)
- "Young Lawyer of the Year" Illinois State Bar Association (2012)
- "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40" National Bar Association (2011)
- "Men of Excellence" Award, Chicago Defender (2011)
- Public Interest Convocation Award", Loyola University Chicago School of Law (2010)
- Selected for inclusion in *Illinois Super Lawyers*® (2014–present: Business Litigation)
- Selected for inclusion in *Illinois Super Lawyers*® – Rising Stars Editions (2009–2013: Business Litigation)
- "40 Illinois Attorneys under 40 to Watch," Law Bulletin Publishing Company, Chicago Lawyer Magazine and The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin (2008)
- "Maurice Weigle Exceptional Young Lawyer Award," Chicago Bar Association (2006)
- "National Pro Bono Associate Award," DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, US LLP (2006)
- "Chicago Office Pro Bono Associate of the Year," DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, US LLP (2005)
- "Distinguished Service Award," Chicago Volunteer Legal Service Foundation (2004)
- "National Pro Bono Associate Award," Piper Rudnick, LLP (2003)

Published Cases

- Corus Bank, N.A. v. Eduard De Guardiola, 593 F.Supp.2d 991 (December 17, 2008)