

David J. Adams

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ILLINOIS

OVERVIEW

David Adams focuses his practice on the defense of tort and transportation related claims, product liability and commercial suits. He serves as outside product integrity counsel and aviation consultant for various companies and has developed and implemented a product liability program for a major aerospace manufacturer.

Dave actively litigates cases involving aviation products liability, insurance coverage, commercial disputes, immigration and construction personal injury claims.

Dave has pro hac vice admission to practice in the following courts:

U.S. District Courts: Western District of Michigan, District of Arizona, District of Alaska, Northern District of Texas, Eastern District of Texas, Northern District of Ohio, Southern District of Florida, District of Minnesota, District of Iowa, Western District of Washington, Southern District of California, District of Alabama, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, District of Maine, District of Wyoming, Eastern District of Arkansas

State Courts: Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, Texas, Arizona, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maine, Oklahoma

Foreign Courts: French Civil Courts, Paris

MILITARY SERVICE

Dave served as an F-4 pilot in the United States Air Force from 1966-1973.

- 525 Tactical Fighter Squadron, Bitburg AB, Germany
- 13 Tactical Fighter Squadron, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand

Dave also served as an F-4 pilot in the Michigan National Guard from 1979-1980.

- 171 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, Michigan

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Dave has been recognized as a "Leading Lawyer," a selection of lawyers who were most often recommended by their peers in statewide surveys.

He was also recognized by the International Bar Association as one of Illinois' leading practitioners and listed in Who's Who Legal: Illinois (2006).

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Transportation Litigation
- Product Liability

EDUCATION

University of Michigan

J.D. (1976)

St. Olaf College

B.A. *cum laude* (1966)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan (197)
- Illinois (1981)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Supreme Court (2001)
- U.S. Court for Veterans Appeals (1999)
- U.S. Court of Appeals (1st Cir.) (1982)
- U.S. Court of Appeals (3rd Cir.) (1982)
- U.S. Court of Appeals (5th Cir.) (1982)
- U.S. Court of Appeals (8th Cir.) (2003)
- U.S. Court of Appeals (9th Cir.) (2006)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (1977)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (1982)

LANGUAGE SPOKEN

- French

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- DRI
- International Court of Aviation & Space Arbitration, Paris, France, *Arbitrator/Board Member*
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, *Ancillary Member*

PERSONAL

Dave is a pilot:

- Airline transport pilot certificate
- Airplane multi-engine land
- Commercial privileges
- Airplane single engine land
- Type rated in Learjets