

## Richard D. De Jong

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### OVERVIEW

Richard De Jong concentrates his practice in the defense of hospitals, medical professionals and other health care providers against medical negligence claims. Richard has significant experience working on highly technical medical malpractice cases with extraordinary claims for damages.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before joining HPS, Richard spent two years practicing at a firm that specialized in medical malpractice, personal injury and catastrophic loss.

During law school, Richard gained valuable experience as a law clerk at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General where he defended the agencies of Illinois against claims and lawsuits. Richard was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Kathleen B. Lang in the Lake County Superior Court.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

In 2018, Richard was named as an Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Star." In his third year of law school, Richard received the course honors in his Consumer Protection class and was awarded a commendation for his pro bono work.

### AREAS OF FOCUS

- Healthcare Litigation

### EDUCATION

#### Valparaiso University School of Law

J.D. *Dean's List* (2011)

#### University of Washington

B.A. Political Science, *Dean's List*  
(2008)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois (2011)

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (2012)