

## Eric P. Schoonveld

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*As a member of the catastrophic trial team, Eric P. Schoonveld is available to practice in all of our offices and across the country, on a case by case basis.*

### OVERVIEW

Eric Schoonveld is a two-time Ironman who brings an unparalleled commitment and focus to every client engagement. His practice is centered around defending his clients throughout the country against catastrophic injury claims. Eric approaches every engagement with humility and the need to put his client's interests first. Defendants in catastrophic injury cases cannot afford to accept the status quo when it comes to their trial attorneys, and Eric fully commits himself to finding solutions to difficult situations. His efficiency and trial experience have proven invaluable to clients and led to his assignment as national counsel overseeing matters in multiple jurisdictions.

Eric is particularly adept at assessing challenging cases in a fresh light and breathing new life into cases that other firms have given up on. Eric is often sought out by clients to consult on and/or try catastrophic cases when problems arise in the days, weeks or months before trial is scheduled. Eric seeks to provide each individual who he represents the assurance and confidence that they have an advocate and a voice that will stand up for them throughout the often protracted litigation process. At trial, Eric is skilled in the latest courtroom technology and frequently uses multi-media presentations.

While trial skill and resolve are essential in handling lawsuits, many cases can be resolved long before trial. Eric combines his ability to see litigation through a successful jury verdict when necessary with strong alternative dispute resolution experience to assist in obtaining timely and efficient settlements for his clients where possible.

Although medical negligence is a significant part of Eric's current practice, he has handled numerous products liability actions and has experience in the technical aspects of automobiles, aircraft, tools, watercraft, motorcycles, bicycles and their component parts. He has represented national and international manufacturers in numerous sectors and has experience in the procedural issues that often arise when an international manufacturer is defending cases in the US.

Eric also has experience in business disputes including contracts, non-compete clauses, intellectual property, employment, regulatory enforcement, and class actions. While this commercial litigation experience is only a small part of his current practice, it provides exposure to advanced trial technologies and other strategies necessary to try difficult cases and to counsel his clients.

Eric has practiced in state and Federal Courts in Illinois, Utah, Nevada, Texas, Virginia, Indiana, New Hampshire, Florida and elsewhere.

### AREAS OF FOCUS

- Healthcare Litigation
- Healthcare Counseling
- Product Liability
- Catastrophic Trial Team
- Birth Trauma Defense Team
- Transportation Litigation
- Commercial General Liability

### EDUCATION

#### Northwestern University

J.D. (1991)

#### Trinity Christian

B.A. *High Honors* (1988)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois (1983)
- Utah (2005)

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (1991)
- U.S. District Court, District of Utah (2010)
- Admitted pro hac vice in multiple jurisdictions

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Eric has represented healthcare providers and their employees since 1991. This representation includes all aspects of malpractice defense and various aspects of health care counseling including licensing and regulatory issues, EMTALA and credentialing issues. Eric's medical clients include local and national healthcare providers.

Prior to starting HPS, Eric was a partner at Lord, Bissell & Brook in both the Medical Litigation and Commercial Litigation Departments.

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Eric has co-authored chapters on medical malpractice and wrongful death. He has lectured before hospital and physician groups on documentation and risk management, and has taught negotiation seminars.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Eric has been repeatedly included as an Illinois "Super Lawyer" and has also been recognized as a "Leading Lawyer," a selection of lawyers who were most often recommended by their peers in statewide surveys. He has also achieved the highest rating possible by Martindale Hubbell's peer review system.

## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Breakthrough Urban Ministries, *Board of Directors*
- The Society of Trial Lawyers

## PERSONAL

On the personal side, Eric and his family frequently travel to the firm's office in Salt Lake City, Utah. His interests include skiing, motorcycling, motorcycle racing, bicycling, rock climbing, construction, solar energy and electric vehicles.