

Ann Hatch joined Sandberg Phoenix in 2018 as a shareholder. She concentrates her practice in civil litigation defense, focusing on products liability, personal injury defense, premises liability, asbestos and toxic tort defense. She does trial work in the Circuit Courts of Southern, Central and Northern Illinois, including Madison, St. Clair, McLean and Cook County. Ann also handles litigation in the City of St. Louis, and throughout Missouri.



She has tried more than 70 jury trials to verdict as first chair in state and federal courts in Illinois and Missouri. She is a member of ABOTA.

Ann has been retained to defend numerous clients, including manufacturers, premises owners and distributors throughout Illinois and Missouri. She has taken dozens of fact and expert depositions and defended many corporate witnesses.

She strives to limit her clients' exposure and potential liability in a cost-effective manner. She strives to engage in frequent communication with her clients such that her clients have no surprises and are prepared for all potential outcomes.

Ann has received the AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating™ on Martindale Hubbell® from attorneys who have worked with her. This rating reflects Ann's commitment to high ethical standards and her broad knowledge and experience. In addition, Ann was named to the Leading Lawyers Network (2016 – 2017). She has also been named a recipient of the Distinguished Service to Law and Society Award by the Illinois Bar Foundation in 2016 and recipient of the Chief Judge Richard Hudlin Memorial Award from the St. Clair County Bar Association (2006).

Ann is a lifelong resident of St. Clair County, Illinois.

## **Background**

Ann received her Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law. Prior to her law degree, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, graduating *summa cum laude*, also from Saint Louis University.

She is licensed to practice in the states of Illinois and Missouri and before the U.S. District Courts in the Southern and Central Districts of Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit and the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Missouri.

Ann is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Missouri Bar, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the American Bar Association. She also serves as a member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI).

**Previous Associations**

- St. Clair County Bar Association, President, 1995 - 1996
- Illinois Bar Foundation, 1999 - Present
- Illinois State Bar Association, Assembly Delegate, 1994 - 1996
- Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, Board of Directors, 2000 - 2006
- Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, President, 2004 - 2005
- Illinois State Bar Association, Tort Law Section Council, Member, 1992 - 1998
- St. Clair County Bar Association, Member, Public Relations Committee, 1982 - 1999

**Pro Bono**

- President of Board of Directors Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, 2010 - 2016
- Chair of the Fellows of the Illinois Bar Foundation, 1999 - 2000