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Education

J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, cum laude, 1979

B.A., Dartmouth College, cum laude, 1972

Affiliations

Illinois, 1979

Biography

Richard H. Donohue concentrated his practice in the defense of professional negligence, product liability and general liability cases. He handled catastrophic injury claims against hospitals, myriad health care providers, attorneys and other professionals. He continues to serve as a mediator and arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings involving professional negligence, insurance coverage and commercial claims.

Mr. Donohue was elected a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1995 and has served on the Board of Directors of the Society of Trial Lawyers. He was a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers. He joined the firm as a Founding Partner in 1995 and became "of Counsel" in 2020. He previously was a partner at Baker & McKenzie. Mr. Donohue graduated from Northwestern University School of Law, cum laude, where he was a Notes and Comments Editor of the Law Review. He received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College, cum laude, in 1972.

Between college and law school, Mr. Donohue served on active duty as a naval aviator stationed at the

Naval Air Station, Point Mugu, California. He made three six-month deployments to Antarctica in support of Operation Deep Freeze. From 1976-1993, he served in the Naval Air Reserves flying out of the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois.

Awards

- Named the "Top Medical Malpractice Defense Lawyer in Chicago" by the U.S. News publication "Best Lawyers in America" (2015)
- Named one of the "Ten Best Defense Trial Lawyers in Illinois" by the U.S. News publication "Best Lawyers in America" (2015)
- Leading Lawyer
- Illinois Top 100 Super Lawyers® in Insurance Defense: Personal Injury (2005)
- Illinois Top 10 Super Lawyers® in Medical Malpractice: Defense (2006)
- "Top 20 Tort Defense Lawyers," Chicago Lawyer Magazine
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, International Society of Barristers
- The Best Lawyers in America® (Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants)(2011 to present)
- Super Lawyers