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Education:

Northwestern University B.S. Industrial Engineering, 1978
DePaul University College of Law, J.D., 1981

Practice Areas:

General Civil Defense Litigation, including
Personal Injury and Property Damage Litigation including

First party and bad faith claims, lender liability and repossession agent claims, including Wisconsin Consumer Act Claims and Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claims, Defense of Claims against Financial Institutions/Credit Unions, Employment Discrimination Litigation, General and Insurance Investigation/Defense of Fraudulent Claims

Representative Clients:

CUNA Mutual Insurance Company, Wells Fargo Services, BMO Harris, Munich Reinsurance, American Alternative Insurance Corporation, American Southern Home Insurance Company, and Wisconsin and Illinois Credit Unions; Nationwide Insurance, Arch Insurance Co., Kikkomann Foods, Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company, City of Greenfield, Wisconsin, City of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, City of Racine, Wisconsin

Bar Admissions:

Wisconsin State Bar;
Illinois State Bar;
U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

Biography:

Bill Ehrke is a shareholder with the firm with 36 years of experience having graduated from DePaul University College of Law in 1981, having obtained his engineering degree from Northwestern University in 1978. He practices in State and Federal Trial Courts in Wisconsin and Illinois, the 7th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals, and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He also practices in State and Federal Administrative forums (EEOC, Wisconsin Equal Rights Division, Wisconsin Office of Workers Compensation Hearings, Illinois Department of Human Rights). He focuses on Civil Defense litigation with emphasis on personal injury/product liability defense, lender and repossession agent liability relating to collection and repossession issues, including Wisconsin Consumer Act and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act matters, insurance fraud, first party property and casualty personal injury and bad faith and delay claims for various insurance, corporate and municipal clients, and employment discrimination litigation (race, gender, disability, national origin, religion). He has completed over 60 jury trials in State and Federal Court in Wisconsin and Illinois, and over 100 administrative proceedings in Wisconsin’s Workers Compensation Division, the Illinois Workers Compensation



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Commission, The Wisconsin Equal Rights Division, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He has presented four cases to the Wisconsin Supreme Court and numerous cases in the Wisconsin Court of Appeals and 7th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals.

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