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Mr. Levin practices in the areas of business and commercial law, litigation and intellectual property. Mr. Levin represents many closely held businesses, as well as clients with a national presence. He serves as general counsel to a number of closely held businesses.

In November 2009, Defrees & Fiske LLC merged its practice with Howard & Howard. Mr. Levin was a partner at Defrees & Fiske and served on its Executive Committee from 2003-2009. For the 10 years prior to joining Defrees & Fiske, Mr. Levin was a founder and the managing partner of Levin, McParland & Phillips, LLC. Before forming Levin McParland, Mr. Levin was a partner at Hinshaw & Culberson in Chicago.

Mr. Levin brings to his clients a diverse range of legal experience. As a litigator, he has handled hundreds of business disputes, many of which have been litigated in federal and state courts or resolved through arbitration. His substantial litigation experience includes claims and disputes based on contract, intellectual property (trademark, copyright, licensing, unfair competition and franchise), employment matters (discrimination and non-competition), eminent domain, real estate (mortgage foreclosure, mechanic's lien, forcible detainer/eviction, distress for rent, sale and lease), surety and fidelity bonds, business torts (trade defamation, intentional interference with contract, oppression, breach of fiduciary duty and consumer fraud), appeals and all types of special remedies (injunction, declaratory judgment, enforcement of judgment and replevin).

Mr. Levin's transaction and counseling experience includes licensing; organization of businesses (limited liability company, partnership and corporation), including shareholder, partnership and operating agreements; employment agreements; the sale, financing and leasing of commercial properties; asset/stock sales; and a multitude of different contracts.

Prior to entering the private practice of law, Mr. Levin served as Executive Assistant for the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (1977-1982) and Deputy Executive Director for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (1983-1986).

Mr. Levin is a member of the Chicago Bar Association (Member: Patent, Trademark & Copyright Committee; former chairman, Police-Lawyer Relations Committee), Illinois State Bar Association (Member, Sections on: Civil Practice and Procedure; Banking and Bankruptcy; Corporations and Securities; General Practice; Intellectual Property), the American Bar Association (Member, Sections on: General Practice; Intellectual Property; Law Practice Management; Litigation and Business Torts) and is a member of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.



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Education & Honors

Illinois Institute of Technology –
Chicago-Kent College of Law,
1983
J.D., with honors

John Marshall Law School, 1994
LL.M.

Major: Intellectual Property

University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign, 1978
M.A.

Major: Public Administration

University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign, 1976
B.S.

Major: Business Administration

Admissions

Illinois, 1983

California, 2005

U.S. District Court – Northern
District of California, 2010

U.S. District Court – Eastern
District of California, 2009

U.S. Court of Appeals – 9th
Circuit, 1999

U.S. District Court – Northern
District of Illinois Trial Bar, 1991

U.S. Court of Appeals – 7th
Circuit, 1991

U.S. District Court – Northern
District of Illinois, 1983

Affiliations or Memberships

Chicago Bar Association
Patent, Trademark & Copyright
Committee
Former Chairman –
Police-Lawyer Committee

Illinois State Bar Association

Mr. Levin is admitted to practice in Illinois and California; U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois (including the Trial Bar) and the Eastern and Northern Districts of California as well as the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 7th and 9th Circuits. He received his B.S. in Business Administration (1976) and his M.A. in Public Administration (1978) from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Mr. Levin is a graduate of Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., with honors, 1983) and John Marshall Law School (LL.M., Intellectual Property, 1994).

Mr. Levin's community service includes serving on the board of the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and as its treasurer, vice-chairman and chairman; co-chair of the Elmhurst Mayor's Financial Task Force, and pro bono legal counsel to Special Kids Day, Inc. and Life Education Center, USA.

Concentration

- Business & Corporate Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate

Sections on: Civil Practice and Procedure; Banking and Bankruptcy; Corporations and Securities; General Practice; and Intellectual Property

American Bar Association
Sections on: General Practice; Intellectual Property; Law Practice Management; Litigation and Business Torts

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police

Evanston Chamber of Commerce

Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce
Chairman