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Practice Areas:

- Entertainment Law
- Insurance Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Subrogation
- Workers' Compensation

Rich Lenkov brings a killer instinct and unparalleled focus to representing his clients. He partners closely with his clients, ranging from Fortune 50 Corporations to small businesses, to achieve successful litigation outcomes.

Rich was elected to the 2017 Illinois Super Lawyers List (given to no more than 5% of lawyers in Illinois), named Leading Lawyer from 2012-2017 and honored by SEAK as one of the 50 Most Influential People In Workers' Compensation. Rich has received the top score for Target Corporation's nationwide panel of general liability attorneys. In May 2017 Target named him their Bullseye Barrister for outstanding jury trial and other results. He is also a frequent lecturer and involved in a number of national organizations, including Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, RIMS, Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel and Illinois Retail Merchants Association.

Rich also co-hosts the nation's premier legal radio show, "Legal Face-Off" on WGN. Rich and his co-host, Tina Martini, debate politics, current events, entertainment and sports from a legal perspective. They feature many prominent guests including Alan Dershowitz and Gloria Allred.

Rich also is the go-to legal analyst for WGN Radio and has appeared on such shows as The Patti Vasquez Show, The Download, The Roe Conn Show and The Bill & Wendy Show.

Rich is actively involved in his community, including serving on the Board of Visitors for the Northern Illinois University College of Law, a Local School Counsel Representative for Agassiz Elementary School and on the Advisory Board of Legal Prep Charter Academy, Chicago's only legal-themed charter school. In April 2016, Rich was honored as NIU College of Law Alumnus of the Year. He also received the 2016 Outstanding College Alumni Award from the College of Law.

Rich is also co-founder of Chila Productions. Rich is Associate Producer of The Perfect Storm: The Story Of The 1994 Montreal Expos. Rich also produced '85: The Greatest Team In History, a documentary about the 1985 Chicago Bears. It featured interviews with key members of the team including NFL legends Mike Ditka, Mike Singletary and Dan Marino, President Barack Obama, Bill Murray and many others. Rich is also lead producer of Renegades, a live show in Las Vegas featuring prominent athletes such as Jose Canseco and Jim McMahon. Rich was also involved with successful Broadway productions including Rock of Ages and The Rascals: Once Upon a Dream, conceived and written by legendary E Street band member Steve Van Zandt. Rich lives on the north side of Chicago with his wife Patti and two children, Emma and Cooper. When not practicing law, Rich enjoys horror films and playing basketball.

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Licensure

Illinois Supreme Court, 1997

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1998

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 2016

Education

J.D., Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, Illinois, 1995 B.A., McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, 1992

Professional Memberships & Associations

- Agassiz Elementary School, Local School Council
- Canada-US Business Council Chicago
- Central Ohio Self-Insurers Association
- Chicago Claims Association
- Claims Association of Greater Chicago
- · City Club of Chicago
- Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program Panel (Chairperson)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Defense Research Institute
- DuPage County Bar Association
- Foodservice Industry Risk Management Association

- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Illinois Chamber of Commerce
- Illinois Manufacturers' Association
- Illinois Retail Merchants Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Workers' Compensation Lawyers Association
- National Retail & Restaurant Defense Association
- Northern Illinois Adjusters Association
- Northern Illinois University College of Law Board of Visitors
- Risk & Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS)
- Workers' Compensation Claims Association
- Workers' Compensation Defense Institute

Recent Seminars and Presentations

- You Asked For It, You Got It Part II, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, June, 2017
- The Power Of Video Surveillance As A Defense Strategy, FIRMA Chicago Conference, June, 2017
- 3 Common Ethical Dilemmas From 3 Different Perspectives, 2017 CLM & Business Insurance Workers' Compensation Conference, May, 2017
- Case Law Update, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, April, 2017
- The Ups & Downs Of Upper & Lower Extremity Claims, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, March, 2017
- Workers' Compensation Mock Trial, Artex Risk Management Conference, February, 2017
- Illinois Workers' Compensation Reform, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, February, 2017
- Workers' Compensation Under Trump, Illinois Manufacturers' Association, January, 2017
- New OSHA Regulations, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, January, 2017
- 1st Annual Great American BDL WC Quiz, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, December, 2016
- Common Workers' Compensation Issues Defined Part II, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, October, 2016
- Common Workers' Compensation Issues Defined, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, August, 2016
- Illinois Workers' Compensation Law, Workers' Compensation Educational Conference, August, 2016
- My Toughest Claim: Your Fellow Claims Professionals Discuss Real Workers' Compensation Cases, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, July, 2016
- The 5 Factors Determining Illinois Permanency, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, June, 2016
- 10 Common Causation Scenarios And How To Defend Them, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, May, 2016
- Defending Pain Claims, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, April, 2016
- Stratified General Liability Claims: Fast Tracking and Other Techniques, CLM Annual Conference, April, 2016
- Compensable Or Not? 10 Common Accident Scenarios And How To Defend Them, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, March, 2016
- What The Movies Can Teach You About Handing Workers' Compensation Claims, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, February, 2016
- Workers' Compensation Issues Raised By Millennials, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, January, 2016
- Ask A Workers' Compensation Attorney Anything, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, December, 2015
- Workers' Compensation Horror Stories, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, October, 2015
- Reduce Your Legal Expenses Now, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, September, 2015
- Illinois Workers' Compensation, Conference On Multi-State Workers' Compensation Laws, August, 2015
- You Asked For It, You Got It: Your Most Requested WC Questions Answered, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, August, 2015
- More Top 5 Lists, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, July, 2015
- Our Hottest Illinois Workers' Compensation Top 5 Lists, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, June, 2015
- Workers' Compensation Fraud: What You Can Do About It, 35th Anniversary SEAK, Inc. National Workers' Compensation And Occupational Medicine Conference, June, 2015
- Workers' Compensation 4 Ways: Strategies For Defending Claims In 4 States, Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients, June, 2015