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Mr. Reda has over 40 years of successful experience in tort litigation. He has tried scores of civil jury trials in state and federal courts in Illinois and Missouri representing insured and self-insured entities, including cases covering:

- Catastrophic trucking accidents and transportation litigation
- Aviation accidents
- Claims against municipal and state governments
- Contractor liability
- Construction litigation
- Civil rights actions
- Professional liability (doctors and health care providers, pharmacists, architects, engineers, attorneys, and other professionals)

He has argued cases before state and federal appellate courts as well as the Illinois Supreme Court.

In addition to his litigation work, Mr. Reda is a certified mediator and is actively involved in alternative dispute resolution, particularly in cases involving trucking matters.

He is a passionate Notre Dame football fan and enjoys landscaping and yard work as well as refinishing antique wooden furniture.

**Practices:**

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Products Liability
- Toxic Tort
- Trucking & Transportation

**Education:**

- Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., 1982
- University of Notre Dame, B.A. in Government and International Studies, 1978

**Bar Admissions:**

- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S District Courts for the
- Eastern District of Missouri
- Western District of Missouri
- Central District of Illinois
- Southern District of Illinois

## **Honors & Awards**

- Illinois Leading Lawyer (2003-2025)

## **Professional Associations**

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of the Central and Southern Illinois Districts of the United States District Court
- Trucking Industry Defense Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Trucking Law Committee
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Illinois Bar Association
- Illinois Trucking Association
- International Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- Missouri Trucking Association