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Thomas H. Wilson is a trial attorney with a primary emphasis in the defense of:

- medical malpractice cases on behalf of physicians, hospitals, EMS, and other health care providers
- employers and government officers/employees in employment and civil rights claims
- trustees, executors, and beneficiaries in trust and probate litigation

He also has experience defending a wide variety of industry leaders and businesses in general tort claims.

Mr. Wilson has tried numerous jury and non-jury cases to verdict in both the state and federal courts of Illinois.

Results

- Counsel for plaintiff tenant in commercial lease dispute. Jury found for client and awarded all damages requested and punitive damages against landlord. Also awarded fees (per the lease); appellate court affirmed. [Tazewell County Illinois, Case No. 16-L-34 (June 2023)]

PRACTICES

- Business & Corporate
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Dental Malpractice
- Employment & Labor
- Estate Planning & Probate
- Healthcare
- Legal Malpractice
- Medical & Healthcare Malpractice
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the
 - 7th Circuit
 - Federal Circuit

- Secured defense verdict for utility company after gas explosion. Chiropractor in building that blew up sued and demanded \$50 million. Defense verdict for utility, with liability split between boring contractor that hit gas line and chiropractor who didn't leave the building when he was told to leave. Affirmed by appellate court. [*Eiselt v. Cahill, et al.*, Fulton County, Illinois, Case No. 17-LL-0009 (April 29, 2022)]
- Successfully argued Motion to Decertify gender discrimination case before the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois. Case involved a collective action against a medical school.
- Secured defense verdict for clients in a medical malpractice action brought against an emergency room physician and his employer. [*Furgeson, et al. v. Mulshine, et al.*, Christian County, Illinois, Case No. 14-L-26 (August 23, 2017)]
- Secured judgment in favor of clients on claims of common law fraud and violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act. [*Moore Living Trust, et al. v. Vocke*, McLean County, Illinois, (February 25, 2016)]
- Secured defense verdict for clients alleged to have violated the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. [*Stevens v. Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, et al.*, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, Federal Ct. No. 11-CV-126-DRH (February 8, 2014)]

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

HeplerBroom Attorneys Successfully Defend Favorable Jury Verdict in Illinois Fourth District Appellate Court

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Wilson and Kosiba Secure Appellate Win for Charitable Beneficiaries of a Trust, Including Full Attorney Fees and Costs

MAY 19, 2022

Wilson Obtains Defense Verdict

MAY 2, 2019

HB Springfield Attorneys Secure Decertification in Gender Discrimination Case

OCTOBER 4, 2018

Court Denies Plaintiff's Motion for Class Action Certification

DECEMBER 9, 2015

Wilson and Galanos Obtained Summary Judgment for Their Client

- U.S. District Courts for the
 - Central District of Illinois
 - Southern District of Illinois
 - Northern District of Illinois Trial Bar

EDUCATION

- Southern Illinois University, J.D., summa cum laude, 1989
- Gannon University (Erie PA), B.A. in Criminal Justice, magna cum laude, 1986

LAW SCHOOL HONORS/INVOLVEMENT

- Law Journal
 - Editor in Chief

JANUARY 10, 2014

Wilson and Galanos Prevail in Appeal in Illinois' Third District Appellate Court

DECEMBER 15, 2011

Wilson and McCormick Prevail in Appeal in Seventh Circuit

Honors

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell
- Illinois Leading Lawyer (2006-2025)
- Illinois Super Lawyer (2007-2017)

Professional Associations

- Central District of Illinois
 - Committee on Local Rules
- Illinois Supreme Court Special E-Business Committee
- Lincoln Douglas Inn of Court
 - Barrister
- Sangamon County (Illinois) Bar Association

Other Professional/Civic Involvement

- Lieutenant-Paramedic, Chatham Fire Department (Retired)

Insights

Events & Speaking Engagements

As a retired volunteer firefighter and paramedic, Mr. Wilson continues to speak to many hospital, emergency medicine, fire department, and EMS providers on topics related to legal issues affecting Fire and EMS services. A few of his recent presentations include:

- "Ambulance Offload Times," Memorial Medical Center (Springfield IL, 2022).
- "Estate Planning Seminar," Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation (Springfield IL, 2021).
- "EMS Documentation and Harassment Prevention," Memorial Medical Center (Springfield IL, 2019).
- "Legal Considerations for Medical Providers," Mid-America Emergency Symposium (Springfield IL, 2019).

- “Navigating Mental Health & Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession,” Southern Illinois University (Springfield IL, 2018).
- “Legal Issues for EMS Providers,” Memorial Medical Center Annual Conference (Springfield IL, 2017).

[MAY 16, 2024 | EVENT](#)

HeplerBroom Presents Workshop on Essential Skills Supervisors Need to Prevent or Mitigate Employment Discrimination Cases

Blog Posts

[OCTOBER 29, 2025 | BLOG](#)

Illinois Appellate Court Interprets “Claims” Broadly and Adheres to Two-Year Statute of Limitations

[MARCH 18, 2021 | BLOG](#)

Travel vs. Transport and Immunity Under Illinois’ EMS Act

[SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 | BLOG](#)

Use of National Databases to Determine Reasonableness of Charges for Medical Services