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SERVICES

Litigation
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INDUSTRIES

Real Estate

Hal Morris' practice is focused in the areas of commercial and municipal real estate, class action litigation and appellate law. He has substantial experience representing publicly and privately held businesses and government entities in complex commercial, municipal and land use matters. He has extensive trial and appellate experience and has obtained on behalf of his clients numerous precedent establishing appellate opinions in the areas of municipal law, insurance coverage, federal and state procedure, securities law and arbitrability.

Hal is an adjunct professor at Chicago-Kent School of law, teaching an advanced senior honors seminar on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He founded Chicago-Kent's "Seventh Circuit Review," a scholarly journal discussing recent Seventh Circuit cases, and continues as the professor in charge of that journal. Hal is also an instructor at the University of Chicago School of Law, teaching legal ethics.

Hal has spoken extensively on various aspects of appellate practice, litigation, procedure, alternative dispute resolution, insurance coverage, municipal law, and corporate governance. He has addressed continuing legal education seminars, client groups, community organizations, trade associations and local government groups. Hal has authored and contributed to numerous publications including:

- The Illinois State Bar Journal
- Illinois State Bar Association's Real Property Journal
- Community Association Institute Journal; Illinois Law and Litigation, published by NBI
- Attorneys Guide to Negotiations and Real Estate Litigation, published by Clark Boardman
- Illinois Appellate Procedure and Insurance Coverage, published by Lorman Business, and the Chicago- Kent Law Review

HONORS

Named a Top Business Litigation Attorney, *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2018

Named to the "Illinois Leading Lawyer" list

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Executive Committee member of the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education

Chair of the planning and zoning commission of Village of Vernon Hills, Illinois

Past member and past president of Illinois School District 76's Board of Education

Appellate Lawyers Bar Association (Publications Committee)

American Bar Association, and its sections of litigation, appellate practice and dispute resolution

Illinois Home Rule Attorney's Section of the Illinois Municipal League

Adjunct Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law

Instructor, The University of Chicago Law School

EDUCATION

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 1985, *High honors*

M.B.A., The University of Chicago, 1979

B.A., The University of Chicago, 1978

BAR ADMISSION

Illinois

FIRM MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

Co-Chair, Client Intake Committee

Vice Chair, Appellate Practice Group