

# JUDGE PATRICK J. SHERLOCK

**Judge Patrick J. Sherlock** concentrated his law practice in the areas of trial and appellate litigation. My civil practice included the prosecution and defense of commercial litigation, class action litigation, securities fraud litigation and real estate and construction litigation. Appointed to the bench in 2007 by the Illinois Supreme Court, Judge Sherlock has handled a variety of civil cases, including commercial jury and bench trials, forcible entry and detainer trials and post-judgment enforcement matters. Currently, I am assigned to the Commercial Calendar Section of the Law Division.

## **Education:**

### **Law School Education:**

University of Illinois College of Law

Champaign, Illinois

Juris Doctor 1990

Moot Court participant

Research Assistant to Donald Uchtmann, Department of Agricultural Economics

### **College Education:**

Quincy University

Quincy, Illinois

B.S. Economics, 1987

Illinois State Scholar

Quincy Scholar

Business School Top Award

Magna Cum Laude

Residence Hall Assistant



- (July 2014) Business Logic v. Morningstar, Investment research and management firm Morningstar, Inc. agreed to pay \$61 million to settle a lawsuit filed by Business Logic, a Chicago-based developer of financial software. Business Logic claimed that Morningstar and its subsidiary, Ibbotson Associates, violated a contract and took Business Logic's intellectual property. This payment is the largest disclosed trade secrets settlement in Illinois history, according to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's Trade Secrets Watch blog post, "Pulling back the veil: Top 10 Disclosed Trade Secret Settlements," published Oct. 16, 2013.

- (December 2013) Brandenburg Industrial v. State of Illinois, After a multi-day trial, the Court permanently enjoined the State of Illinois from transferring the amount of Brandenburg's tax protest payments totaling \$664,854.02, plus accrued statutory interest, from the protest fund to the Illinois general fund and awarded a full refund of its tax protest payments plus statutory interest.

- (September 2013) ICD Publications v. Gittlitz, Plaintiff publishing business sued a former executive claiming that he improperly double-billed the business for expenses and breached fiduciary duties to the company. After trial, the Court entered judgment in Plaintiff's favor in the amount of \$9,791,840.00 for compensatory damages, interest on the embezzled funds, disgorgement of compensation and punitive damages.

**b. Judicial Education:**

Judge Sherlock has been active as a speaker in connection with judicial education. At the request of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Illinois Judges' Association and the Illinois Supreme Court, Judge Sherlock has lectured at the following:

- (i) Cook County New Judges Education Seminar (2010, 2011, 2012)
- (ii) EdCon - Statewide Judicial Education Conference, (January and April 2012, January and April 2018)
- (iii) Downstate Judicial Education, (February 2013)
- (iv) Illinois Judges Association 41st Annual Convention  
*Ethics, "Social Media" and the Judiciary* (December 2012)
- (v) Countywide Presentations: *Protecting Your Identity and Your Assets*,  
(October 2011 – February 2012)

**c. Legal Experience:**

Prior to opening my law office in 1994, I was a member of the law firm of Beigel & Sandler, Ltd., a national law firm with law offices in Chicago, New York, New Jersey and Los Angeles. While a member of the firm of Beigel & Sandler, Ltd., I represented plaintiffs in litigation across the United States. Throughout my professional career, I have represented plaintiffs and defendants in a broad array of cases. Examples of significant cases I handled in my law practice include:

- (January 2007) Andressakis v. Leona's Pizzeria, 04 C 2405 (Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois) (Billik, J.). Representing certified class of restaurant workers in minimum wage action. The case was settled for \$1,500,000.
- (November 2006) Muniz v. Rexnord Corp., 04 C 2405 (Northern District of Illinois) (Darrah, J.). Representing certified class of DuPage County residents whose groundwater was contaminated by TCE and PCE. The case settled in the amount of \$15,750,000.
- (April 2006) Gateway Services of Illinois v. Mt. Hope Cemetery Assn., 01 CH 383 (Circuit Court of Will County, Illinois) (Bertani-Tomczak, J.). Successfully represented an Illinois corporation obtaining a summary judgment against the defendants for specific performance of a real estate contract. My client ultimately obtained title to real property with in excess of \$2 million in equity and defeated defendants' counterclaims of breach of fiduciary duty and fraud.
- (April 2006) Foundation for Human Advancement v. Shiman, 02 CH 12317 (Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois) (Bush, J.). Represented an Illinois charitable foundation successfully recovering benefits valued in excess of \$1 million for the Foundation and one of its trustees.
- (March 2006) In re: Boeing Derivative Litigation, 03 CH 15039 (Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois) (Arnold, J.). Liaison counsel representing derivative shareholders in a dispute involving Boeing Corporation's governmental aircraft business. A settlement was approved by Judge Nancy Arnold which obtained approximately \$29 million for the corporate plaintiff and wide ranging corporate governance modifications.

I have been a member of the Federal Trial Bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. I tried cases in the Circuit Court of Cook County (Law, Chancery and Probate Divisions), the Circuit Courts for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Kane County), 18th Judicial Circuit (DuPage County), 19th Judicial Circuit (Lake County), 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Will County) and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. I have also arbitrated claims before the National Association of Securities Dealers, the American Arbitration Association and JAMS/Endispute. I appealed cases to the United States Court of Appeals of the Eighth Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the Illinois Appellate Court (First District) and Illinois Appellate Court (Second District) and the Illinois Appellate Court (Third District).

### **Personal Information**

Judge Sherlock has been married to his wife Julie for over 28 years. Together they have three children ages 26, 24 and 22.