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Andy is Chair of the firm's Governmental Practice. He advises public bodies in all areas such as litigation, risk management, contracting and procurement, employment, corporate governance, and sunshine laws. He also focuses on the representation of public and private bodies in land use and zoning procedure and litigation. Andy is a participating author for Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) publications, including the *Introduction to the Open Meetings Act* chapter in the "Illinois Sunshine Laws" publication and the *Contracts* chapter in "Municipal Law: Contracts, Litigation and Home Rule." In addition, Andy has authored numerous articles related to the representation of governmental entities and he is a frequent speaker on an array of government-related issues at conferences, in-house seminars, and other events focused on public entities.

Andy represents numerous private-sector clients in litigation throughout the state of Illinois. He has handled numerous trials, mediations, and arbitrations. His litigation clients include public bodies, renewable energy companies, equipment manufacturers, premises owners, miners, and contractors. He handles cases throughout Illinois, in state and federal courts, and in multi-district litigation. In addition to his duties to the firm, he serves on the Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals, and previously served on the University of Illinois Extension Peoria County Advisory Council.

### Significant Cases

Livingston County, IL – Representation of public body in suit brought by wind energy developer. Summary Judgment granted in favor of public body.

Woodford County, IL – Representation of solar energy developer in action against County. Summary Judgment granted in favor of developer.

Woodford County, Illinois – Defense of farmer sued for breach of contract by seed corn company. Defense verdict after jury trial.

Peoria County, Illinois – Defended a manufacturing client in a breach of contract lawsuit brought by the client's former advertising agency, which was ultimately resolved through mediation.

McLean County, Illinois – Prosecuted a subrogation claim against truck maintenance provider on theory of negligent maintenance of brakes.

### Professional Recognition

Selected as a *Leading Lawyer* in Illinois. Only five percent of lawyers in the state are named as *Leading Lawyers*.



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### Transactions

Administrative Adjudication Hearing Officer for Municipal Ordinance Violations

### Publications

“Cemetery Maintenance Districts,” chapter in *Special Districts*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2009, 2014, 2019)

“Introduction to the Open Meetings Act,” chapter in *Illinois Sunshine Laws*, Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2016)

“The Attorney-Client Relationship,” chapter in *Illinois Civil Practice: Opening the Case*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2009, 2015)

“Contracts,” chapter in *Municipal Law: Contracts, Litigation and Home Rule*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2015)

“Introduction to the Open Meetings Act,” chapter in *Illinois’ Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2011, 2013)

“The Freedom of Information Act: Change is Here,” *Heyl Royster Governmental Newsletter* (2010)

“Illinois Tort Immunity Act Part 2,” *Heyl Royster Governmental Newsletter* (2010)

“Good Samaritans in California May Think Twice Before Rendering Aid to the Injured: Could the Same Happen in Illinois?” *Heyl Royster Governmental Newsletter* (2009)

“Legislative Update,” *Heyl Royster Governmental Newsletter* (2009)

“The Tort Immunity Act,” *Heyl Royster Governmental Newsletter* (2009)

### Public Speaking

“COVID-19 Employment Issues”  
Illinois Association of County Board Members (2020)

“Zoning Under the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act”  
Illinois Association of County Zoning Officials (2019)

“Legal Update”  
IPARKS Regional Educational Workshop (2019)

“Cyber Liability For Park Districts: How To Build Your Defenses For A Cyber Attack”  
IPARKS Regional Educational Workshop (2019)

“Legal Issues and Tips”  
Illinois Association County Engineers (2019)

“Freedom of Information Act”  
IPARKS Regional Educational Workshop (2019)

“Cyber Liability In The Public Sector”  
IPARKS Regional Education Workshop (2019)

“Contracts and Bidding 101”  
Township Officials of Illinois (2019)

“Freedom of Information Act & Open Meetings Act”  
Transportation and Highway Engineering Conference (2019)



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“Freedom of Information Act & Open Meetings Act”  
IACO & IACBM Newly Elected Officials Seminar (2019)

“Complying With the Illinois Open Meetings Act”  
IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference (2019)

“Illinois Prevailing Wage Act: Avoiding the Pitfalls”  
IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference (2019)

“Sexual Harassment Prevention and Tips”  
IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference (2019)

“Staying Out of Litigation: When to Require Liability Waivers”  
IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference (2019)

### Professional Associations

Peoria County Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

Abraham Lincoln Court

### Court Admissions

State Courts of Illinois

United States District Court, Central District of Illinois

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

### Community Involvement

St. Jude volunteer at Brimfield Pork Chop Dinner for almost 20 years

### Education

Juris Doctor (*magna cum laude*), Northern Illinois University School of Law, 2002

Bachelor of Science-Criminal Justice, Illinois State University, 1998



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