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EDUCATION & LICENSURE

- B.A., Rhetoric, 2003, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- J.D., 2006, Northern Illinois University, *cum laude*
- Licensed to practice in Illinois
- Licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois and 7th Circuit Court of Appeals
- Appeared *pro hac vice* in California, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Georgia, New Jersey, Missouri, and Texas



BETHANY WHITE is a partner at Arnett Law Group. She received her B.A. in Rhetoric from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2003 and her J.D. from Northern Illinois University in 2006, being licensed to practice later that year. She began her career as an associate at a large boutique workers' compensation defense firm and expanded her practical knowledge and ability in 2008 to include civil litigation when she began working with Daniel J. Arnett. With the firm since its inception, Ms. White manages the firm's workers' compensation department and now devotes her practice to defense of businesses and individuals in workers' compensation and civil cases in Illinois. In addition, she has defended corporations involved in multi-jurisdiction toxic tort litigation as well as served as outside general counsel. Outside of her practice, Ms. White is actively involved in the legal community, most notably serving in positions of leadership with the Defense Research Institute (DRI). She lives in Chicago with her husband, two children, and Saint Bernard.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Illinois State Bar Association, *Member*
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
 - Workers' Compensation Subcommittee, *Community Page Vice Chair, Former Community Page Chair (2014)*
 - Women in the Law Subcommittee, *Vice Chair of 2016 Annual Meeting Subcommittee, Chair of 2017 Annual Meeting Subcommittee, Seminar Activities Chair, 2018-Present*
 - Trial Tactics Subcommittee, *Vice Chair, Annual Meeting Subcommittee (2017-Present), Liaison to the WITL Committee*
 - DRI Philanthropic Activities Committee, *Vice Chair of 2017 Awards Subcommittee*
 - Philanthropic Activities Committee, *Awards Chair (2017-2018)*
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, *Premium Member*
- Leading Lawyer, 2019- Present
- Illinois Workers' Compensation Lawyers' Association

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Don't Be "That Guy" (or Girl): Potential Pitfalls in Landing and Maintaining Clients*, DRI Women in the Law Seminar, February 2017, Scottsdale, AZ
- *No "I" In Team: Exploring the Value of A Collaborative and Proactive Approach to the Handling and Defense of Workers' Compensation Claims*, June 2016, Green Bay, WI
- *What Matters: Aspects of Illinois Workers' Compensation Law for Businesses and Business Attorneys*, April 2015, Chicago, IL
- *Reform Reality: How to Incorporate the 2011 Changes to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act in Claims Handling*, 2012, various locations
- *Ethical Conundrums and Possible Missteps in Landing and Maintaining Clients*, October 2016 (published white paper)
- *Overview of Illinois Workers' Compensation Law*, December 2019, Omaha, NE

PRACTICE AREAS: Workers' Compensation, Civil Defense Litigation, Product Liability (including toxic tort defense), General Counsel (including business counseling)