

## Bruno R. Marasso

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### Practice Areas

Civil Rights & Police Misconduct

Premises Liability

Product Liability

Sexual Abuse & Hazing

Transportation & Car Accidents

### Education & Certifications

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2011
- B.A., Fordham University, Bronx, NY, 2008

### Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

Illinois, 2011

Bruno R. Marasso is a Partner at Romanucci & Blandin, LLC where he focuses his practice helping people hurt as a result of automobile collisions, premises liability, and institutional negligence. As a trial lawyer, Bruno has successfully recovered millions of dollars on behalf of his clients through trial, mediation, arbitration, and negotiation. Bruno has also had success overturning on appeal rulings made against his clients.

Bruno is proud of the positive results he has made for every single one of his clients who have trusted him with their cases, including: a record breaking \$44.7 million verdict for a man shot by an off-duty Chicago Police Officer, sustaining a traumatic brain injury and permanent triplegia; a \$3.8 million settlement for a woman injured in rear-end motor vehicle collision whose prior attorney had tried to settle the case for just \$300,000; a \$2.225 million settlement for 53-year-old man who slip and fell on ice outside of an arena and sustained a fractured ankle that led to complex regional pain syndrome; and a \$2 million settlement for two special needs children who were sexually abused by a school bus operator when they were only 3-years-old.

Bruno has also settled several additional cases for upwards of \$1 million in the areas of motor vehicle and motorcycle accidents, premises liability, and institutional negligence.

In addition to his thriving practice, Bruno is an elected officer of the Justinian Society of Lawyers, current serving as First Vice President, and has served on the Assembly of the Illinois State Bar Association. Bruno is also an active member in the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the American Association of Justice.

As a reflection of his advocacy for his clients, he has been named as an *Emerging Lawyer* by Law Bulletin Publishing Company every year since 2017, a Rising Star by Illinois Super Lawyers® every year since 2018, and was named to the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch list for 2021.

Prior to joining Romanucci & Blandin, LLC as an attorney in 2012, Bruno was a law clerk with the firm for over three years. While a law student at Chicago-Kent, he was a four-time recipient of the CALI Excellence for the Future Award for receiving the highest grades in his classes and was frequently on the Dean's List.

Bruno lives with his wife and two sons in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago, where he was born and raised. Outside of the office, Bruno enjoys working at his home office.

## Experience

\$1,450,000 Settlement – Motorcycle Accident  
August 21, 2021

\$1,000,000 Settlement – Car Accident  
June 11, 2021

\$3,800,000 Settlement – Auto Collision  
May 2021

\$2,250,000 Settlement – Premises Liability  
December 2019

\$1,000,000 Settlement – Premises Liability  
December 2019

\$1,850,000 Settlement – Motor Vehicle Accident  
June 2019

\$6,000,000 Settlement – Work Injury  
August 2018

\$44,700,000 Verdict – Police Misconduct  
November 2017

\$1,000,000 Settlement – Premises Liability  
July 2016

## Awards & Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, 2021
- *Emerging Lawyer* by Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2017-2021
- Rising Star by Illinois Super Lawyers®, 2018-2021
- National Trial Lawyers '40 Under 40' Recognition, 2019
- *Trial Lawyer Excellence Award* by Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2018
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2009 – 2011

## Legal Activities & Leadership

- Illinois State Bar Association, Assembly, 2017 – present
- Justinian Society of Lawyers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2021-2022
- Justinian Society of Lawyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 2020-2021
- Justinian Society of Lawyers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, 2019-2020

- Justinian Society of Lawyers, Treasurer, 2018-2019
- Justinian Society of Lawyers, Secretary, 2017-2018
- American Association for Justice (AAJ), Member
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA), Member

## In the News

Before off-duty police shooting, Chicago officer had long complaint record. Should the city pay?  
*Washington Post*, September 22, 2021

## Speaking Engagements

- “Using Defendant’s Voluntary Undertakings to Prove Liability in Premises and Inadequate Security Cases”, AAJ Annual Conference, July 2021
- “Judgment Day: Assigning Fault and Awarding Damages After a Bad Night out”, Event Safety Summit, November 2019

## Publications

- ISBA YLD Newsletter, Volume 65, Number 5, *Preparing for Adverse Fact Witness Depositions*, April 2021
- ISBA YLD Newsletter, Volume 64, Number 2, *FICO DROPUF: An Acronym for Deposing Doctors*, January 2020
- ISBA YLD Newsletter, Volume 63, Number 3, *Trying Your First Case: A Primer on Getting to Opening Statements*, June 2019
- IICLE Handbook, Products Liability Practice, Chapter 6, *Use of Discovery in Products Liability Cases*, 2019