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Practice Areas

Civil Rights & Police Misconduct
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Mass Torts & Class Actions
Premises Liability
Product Liability
Sexual Abuse & Hazing
Transportation & Car Accidents

Education & Certifications

- J.D., UIC John Marshall Law School Chicago, IL (1985)
- B.A., Psychology, University of Wisconsin Madison, WI (1982)

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

Illinois, 1985
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

Antonio M. Romanucci is a founding partner in the Chicago-based law firm of Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, a national trial practice committed to fighting for victims of negligence, abuse and wrongful death arising from corporate negligence, civil rights actions, business interruption, medical malpractice, mass torts and class actions, as well as police misconduct. Most recently, he had the honor of representing the family of George Floyd in the civil lawsuit against the City of Minneapolis and four of its police officers alongside Lead Counsel Ben Crump. Romanucci has a steadfast commitment to fighting for those seeking justice across the country in complex, high profile mass tort cases such as the fight against e-cigarette manufacturer JUUL, Boeing for its faulty 737 MAX aircraft, the carcinogenic environmental pollution caused by Sterigenics and in the MGM Las Vegas Shooting. He has taken a lead role in national cases related to COVID-19 business interruption on behalf of restaurants, retail companies and the service industry in a quest to hold insurance companies responsible for their contractual payment to their customers. The firm has obtained multiple verdicts and settlements in the millions of dollars in cases including a record-breaking \$44.7 million verdict on behalf of a young man left bound to a wheelchair and with permanent brain damage following a gunshot wound to the head, an unprecedented \$38.75 million settlement of a class action lawsuit against the City of Chicago for its red light camera practices, a \$30 million settlement on behalf of a brain injured child, a \$27 million settlement on behalf of the family of George Floyd and a \$21.3 million verdict against the City of Chicago for a police chase case.

Mr. Romanucci has been widely recognized for his insight and experience and has been named a 'Top 100 Super Lawyer' for 13 straight years in Illinois, a 'Top 10 Leading Plaintiff Lawyer in Illinois' for 2019 by *Leading Lawyers*, and was named a 'Best Lawyer' for 2013 through 2021 by U.S. News and World Report. He maintains a perfect Martindale-Hubble AV rating and an AVVO rating of 10/10. He was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. In February of 2021, Mr. Romanucci was recognized by *Chicago Magazine* on their 'New Power 30' list for his work securing justice for George Floyd and his many contributions to justice in the Chicago community.

Often called upon as an expert, Mr. Romanucci appears regularly on local and national television to comment on his own cases, as well as other high profile legal matters and trends. He has appeared on CNN, CBS This Morning, and Chicago's ABC, NBC, CBS, WGN and FOX. Additionally, he contributes to stories regularly in the Washington Post, New York Times, Wall

United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

United States District Court for the Southern District of New Jersey

United States District Court for the Northern District of New York

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Pro Hac Vice Admissions, Multiple State and Federal Jurisdictions

Languages

English and Italian

Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, Associated Press and others.

Mr. Romanucci's vast experience has earned him the admiration of his colleagues who have supported his rise to leadership positions both locally and nationally. Following the 2017 mass shooting at the Route 91 Las Vegas music festival, he was appointed to the legal steering committee which helped obtain a settlement with MGM Resorts International worth up to \$800 million for thousands of victims and relatives affected. In October of 2019, the Circuit Court of Cook County appointed him Lead Counsel of a large group of plaintiffs' firms pursuing justice for those exposed to toxic ethylene oxide near Sterigenics International in Willowbrook, Illinois. And in February of 2020, Romanucci was appointed to the Executive Leadership of attorneys representing victims of a fatal 737MAX airplane crash in a case against Boeing International.

Outside the courtroom, Mr. Romanucci participates in many professional and charitable organizations. He recently completed his 2019-2020 term as President of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and as Chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee. He currently serves on the Chicago Bar Association's Board of Managers, the Public Justice Board of Directors, the Board of Governors for the International Society of Barristers', and is in multiple leadership roles for the American Association for Justice, including: Chair of the National Finance Council, Judiciary Liaison for the state of Illinois, and Vice-Chair of the Ethylene Oxide Litigation Group. In 2017, he served as Chair of "A Path Towards Solutions: A Summit on Curbing the Violence in Chicago", hosted by the Chicago Bar Association, as well as a subsequent *Lawyers Call to Action* event to directly aid those in Chicago most impacted by gun violence. He is a founding chairman of the Midwest Brain Injury Clubhouse, which is devoted to optimizing the lives and recovery of people affected by brain injuries or strokes. Mr. Romanucci is also the founder of the Justinian Society of Lawyers Charitable Endowment Fund, where thousands of dollars annually are awarded to needy organizations.

Mr. Romanucci earned his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Wisconsin in 1982 and earned his law degree from UIC John Marshall Law School in 1985. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois and before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois along with numerous other *pro hac vice* admissions throughout the country.

Professional legal experience

- THE LAW OFFICES OF DONALD J. NOLAN; Responsible for litigating major personal injury and workers compensation claims -- 1990-1998
- THE LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD F. PELLEGRINO; General trial practice with particular concentration in Workers' Compensation-Personal Injury- Criminal -- 1987-1990
- THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER; Representation of indigent defendants. Experience - jury trials, bench trials and preliminary hearing -- 1984-1987

Experience

\$700,000 - Sexual Abuse
June 2021

\$500,000 – Sexual Abuse
June 2021

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

\$27,000,000 Settlement – Civil Rights & Police Misconduct
March 12, 2021

\$22,300,000 Verdict – Medical Malpractice
November 2009

\$17,600,000 Verdict – Police Car Chase
September 2007

\$7,500,000 Settlement – Construction Accident
March 2010

\$5,348,750 Verdict – Bus Accident
March 1999

\$1,516,000 Settlement – Bicycle Accident

\$865,000 Settlement – Sexual Abuse
September 2020

\$1,310,000 Settlement – Unreasonable Force by Police
July 2020

\$900,000 Settlement – Title IX, Wrongful Death
May 2020

\$2,100,000 Settlement – Sexual Abuse of Child at Catholic Church Camp
April 2020

\$16,830,000 Settlement – Mass Shooting
October 2019

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

\$21,300,000 Verdict – Police Chase
April 24, 2019

\$1,400,000 Settlement – Clergy Abuse
August 2018

\$38,750,000 Settlement – Class Action
September 2017

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

\$4,500,000 Settlement – Police Shooting
February 2014

\$4,100,000 Settlement – Police Misconduct
April 2013

\$800,000 Settlement – Construction Injury
February 2013

\$1,365,000 Settlement – Police Chase
November 2012

Awards & Recognition

- 2021 - Chicago Lawyer's Person of the Year
- 2021 - American Association for Justice Evergreen Fund Award
- 2021 - American Association for Justice Leonard Weinglass in Defense of Civil Liberties Award
- 2021 - American Association for Justice Joe Tonahill Award
- 2021 - *Chicago Magazine's* 'New Power 30' list of Chicagoans making change happen
- 2021 - Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans inaugural Dominic Di Frisco Award
- 2019 - Illinois Top 10 Leading Plaintiff Lawyer, Top 10 Medical Malpractice Lawyer, Top 10 Consumer Lawyer and a Top 10 Nursing Home Negligence Lawyer by the Illinois Leading Lawyer's Network
- 2019 - Judicial Accountability PAC Barbara Jordan Award for Excellence in Judicial Advocacy and Education
- 2019 - Italian American Political Coalition PACA Award
- 2019 - American Association for Justice Above & Beyond Award
- 2018 - American Association for Justice Above & Beyond Award
- 2016 - Justinian Society of Lawyers Award of Excellence
- 2016 - The Order Sons of Italy, Leonardo DaVinci Award of Excellence
- 2014 - Fenwick Bar Association Accipiter Award
- 2003-2019 - Illinois Leading Lawyer's Network Top Lawyer
- 2013-2021 by U.S. News and World Report - Named "Best Lawyer in Chicago"
- 2014 - Top 8 Aviation Lawyer in State of Illinois
- 2012 - Present - Top 100 Trial Lawyer as certified by the National Trial Lawyers
- 2013 - The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Humanitarian Award
- 2013 - International Legal Award for Practice Excellence for Aviation Law Firm in Illinois
- 2009 thru present - AVVO Top Rating 10/10
- 2005-2019 - AV Rated Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell™
- 2016 - Top Rated Lawyer in Personal Injury Law by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell™
- 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011 -2021 - Top 100 Super Lawyer in Illinois
- 2013 - Justinian Society of Lawyers Gerald Sbarbaro Mentoring Award
- 2010 - Justinian Society of Lawyers, Moses W. Harrison Recognition Award

- 2010 - Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Excellence in Leadership Award
- 2007 - Certificate of Appreciation for Civic Contributions from the City of Chicago
- 2003 - UIC John Marshall Law School Distinguished Service Award
- 1998 - David Award
- 1995 - Certificate of Merit for outstanding service in the program of Continuing Legal Education-WCLA Seminar
- 1989 - Constitutional Rights Foundation Lawyer of the Year
- 1986 - City of Chicago Citizen's Bravery Award

Legal Activities & Leadership

- Chair, AAJ National Finance Council, 2020-2022
- AAJ National Finance Council, 2011-2022
- AAJ Exchange Advisory Committee, 2011-2023
- AAJ Evergreen Advisory Board, 2018-2022
- Vice-Chair, AAJ Ethylene Oxide Litigation Group, 2021
- Chicago Bar Association Board of Managers, 2020-2021
- Public Justice Board of Directors, 2008 - 2017, 2021
- International Society of Barristers' Board of Governors, 2020-2021
- ITLA President, 2019-2020
- Chairperson, State of Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee, 2020
- State of Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee, 2012-2020
- American Board of Trial Advocates, 2020
- AAJ Judiciary Liaison for the state of Illinois, 2020
- Chair, AAJ Ethylene Oxide Litigation Group, 2020
- Co-Chair, AAJ National Finance Council, 2019-2020
- AAJ PAC Trustee, 2005-2007, 2014-2019
- Chair, AAJ Police Misconduct Litigation Group, 2014-2018
- Chair, AAJ Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group, 2016-2017
- Chair, Lawyers Call to Action: A Summit hosted by the CBA, 2017
- Chair, A Path Towards Solutions: A Summit on Curbing the Violence in Chicago for CBA, 2017
- AAJ Board of Governors, 2010-2016
- AAJ Section Leaders Council
- ITLA Board of Managers, 2003-present
- ITLA Nominating Committee, 2013
- Legal Counsel, Italian American Chamber of Commerce, 2010-2014
- AAJ Motor Vehicle Collision, Highway and Premises Liability Chair, 2011-2012
- AAJ Journal Peer Reviewer for TRIAL

- Illinois Bar Foundation Raffle Chair, 2005-2008
- Illinois Bar Foundation Chicago Fellows Committee, 2007
- ISBA Standing Committee Law Related Education for the Public
- ISBA Assembly, May 1998-2004, 2006-2009
- ISBA Torts Sections Council Member, 2005-2009
- Workers' Compensation Lawyer's Association Board of Directors, 2005-2008
- Suburban Bar Coalition Judicial Screener, November 2006
- Law School Facilitator, appointed by the Professionalism Commission of the Illinois Supreme Court, 2004
- AAJ National Host Student Trial Advocacy Competition, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Treasurer, National Italian-American Bar Association, 2001-2005
- President, Justinian Society of Lawyers, 2002-2003
- Executive Committee, Justinian Society of Lawyers, 1996-2006
- Accipiter Award Committee, Fenwick Bar Association, 2000-2003
- ISBA Agenda and Programs Committee on Hearings, June 1999
- ISBA appointment to the Task Force on Certification, 1997-1999
- Delegate to Board of Directors National Italian-American Bar Association, 1996-1997
- Lawyers for Workers' Rights Organization, 1995
- Fenwick Bar Association
- Northwest Suburban Bar Association (NWSBA)
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois (WBAI)
- Melvin M. Belli Society

Civic Activities

- Honorary Chair, 26th Annual St. Jude Four Stars Gala, 2020
- Board of Trustees, John Marshall Law School, 2017 to present
- Board of Directors, Synapse House, 2014 - 2015
- Chicago 2016 Host Committee Member and Sprint Through the Finish Dinner Committee
- Chairman, Cameron Can Foundation Fundraiser, 2013
- First Vice-President, Italian American Chamber of Commerce, 2012-2014
- DCCC Fundraiser, 2006 to present
- Finance chairman, Lisa Marino for Judge, 2011-2012
- Finance Chairman, Robert Fioretti, 2nd Ward Alderman, 2011
- Founder of the Adopt-A-Veteran program, Chicago, 2010
- Chairman JCCIA Cardinal Bernardin Award Gala 2008-2009
- Chairman IACC Gala 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
- Honorary Board member, Giant Steps, 2005 - 2013

- President, Joint Civic Committee, 2010 - 2012
- Board of Directors, Italian American Chamber of Commerce, 2007
- Finance Co-Chair, Robert Fioretti, 2nd Ward Alderman Candidate
- Board of Directors, Giant Steps, Inc., 2003-2005
- President and Founder, Justinian Society's Children Endowment Fund, 2002
- Board of Directors and Advisors, Illinois Fatherhood Initiative, 2002-present
- Invited Delegate by the Chinese Ministry of Health, People to People Ambassador
- Board of Directors, Barrington Area Arts Council, 2000-2003
- President, Midwest Brain Injury Clubhouse, 2001-2006
- President, Knapp Burn Foundation, 2000-2002
- Vice-president, River Park Athletic and Dining Club
- Make-A-Wish Foundation Volunteer, 1994
- The Greater Barrington Area Lawyer's Guild, founder and President, 1996-1998
- Wisconsin Alumni Association Career Connections Counselor
- Constitutional Rights Foundation, seventh and eighth grade student instructor, 1988-1994
- National Italian-American Foundation (NIAF)

Notable Cases

- *Victims of the Route 91/Las Vegas Shooting v. MGM, Live Nation, Slide Fire Solutions, etc.*, mass tort, \$800M settlement
- *LaPorta v. City of Chicago*, October 2017, civil rights, \$44.7M verdict
- *Class Action Red Light Camera Case v. City of Chicago*, August 2017, civil rights, \$38.75M settlement
- *Chavez v. Dr. Mark Holterman*, medical malpractice, \$30M settlement
- *Family of George Floyd v. City of Minneapolis and officers involved in Mr. Floyd's death*, March 2021, civil rights, \$27M settlement
- *Carreon v. City of Chicago*, April 2019, police chase, \$21.3M verdict
- *Tinman v. Christ Hospital*, medical malpractice, \$22.3M verdict
- *Hudson v. City of Chicago*, civil rights, \$17.6M verdict
- *Marion Misiak*, 45-year-old laborer, work injury, \$7.5M settlement
- *Alaska Airlines Flight 261*, aviation, \$6.5M settlement
- *Chmielewski v. CTA*, March 1999, motor vehicle, \$5.33M verdict
- *Briefman v. City of Chicago*, work injury, \$5M settlement
- *Milnamow v. Shedd Aquarium*, work injury, \$4.85M settlement
- *Private Bank and Trust Company v. City of Chicago, et al.*, 2014, civil rights, \$4.5M settlement
- *Cabay v. Loyola University*, medical malpractice, \$4M settlement
- *Lane v. Confidential*, premises liability, \$4M settlement
- *Domenick v. Dominick's* (Roof collapse; \$4M+ settlement sets record in Illinois for octogenarian), premises liability
- *Tews v. Stoxen Chiropractic*, malpractice, \$3.71M verdict

- *Bonnie Bobo v. Chicago Housing Authority*, premises liability, \$3.65M settlement
- *Pietras v. Biddle Corporation*, work injury, \$3.6M verdict
- *Kuprianczyk v. CTA*, January 2002, pedestrian, \$3.6M verdict
- *Estate of Joshua Salvato, deceased, Vincent Salvato v. Marion County Sheriff's Office, Norman Brown, et al.*, May 2014, civil rights, \$2.28M verdict
- *Buhle v. Associated British Foods*, motor vehicle, \$2.25M settlement
- *Jane Doe v. Archdiocese of Chicago*, April 2020, Church abuse, \$2.1M settlement
- *Victims of the Pulse Nightclub Shooting v. Pulse Nightclub*, mass tort, \$2M settlement
- *Wdzieonski v. S Saft & Company*, January 2019 motor vehicle accident, \$1.75M settlement
- *Wszolek v. Chicago Bus Co.*, pedestrian, \$1.75M settlement
- *Talley v. Barrington School District 220*, bicyclist, \$1.5M+ settlement
- *Dell'Oglio v. Concord Homes*, work injury, \$1.45M settlement
- *Balzano v. Takaghi*, motor vehicle, \$1.45M settlement
- *Doe v. Doe*, June 2002, \$1.125M settlement
- *Brown v. Wayne Blanchard and Walworth County Wisconsin*, February 2017, civil rights, \$1.1M settlement
- *Larios v. Chadron State College*, April 2020, Title IX wrongful death, \$900,000 settlement
- *Norton v. Vestel County*, civil rights, \$900,000 settlement
- *Yanakiev v. Confidential*, motor vehicle, \$800,000 settlement
- *Confidential - Minor Special Needs Student v. Bus Company and School District*, November 2019, sexual abuse, \$700,000 settlement
- *Krumrei v. City of Dallas*, civil rights, \$625,000 settlement
- *Livingston v. Earman*, medical malpractice, \$525,000 verdict
- *Depasquale v. Confidential*, motorcycle, \$495,000 settlement
- *Southwest Airlines Flight 1248*, aviation, \$450,000 settlement
- *Poull v. Courtney* (Cicero fire tragedy -- Six wrongful deaths), premises liability, \$300,000 settlement
- *Severin v. American Airlines 4184*, aviation
- *TWA Flight 800*, aviation
- *American Airlines Flight 587*, aviation
- *Doe v. Grand Prairie Transit*, July 2016, sexual assault, Confidential
- *Deig v. Polaris*, products liability, Confidential
- *Does v. Northwest Suburban HS District*, educational abuse, Confidential
- *Does v. North Suburban HS District*, educational abuse, Confidential
- *Miller v. Southwest Airlines*, class action, pending
- *Smith v. City of Chicago*, civil rights class action, pending
- *Plaintiffs v. Sterigenics International, Inc.*, mass tort, pending
- *Lopez-Lewis v. The Boeing Company*, aviation, pending

In the News

Jury in federal trial in Floyd killing appears mostly white
AP News, January 21, 2022

George Floyd Community Benevolence Fund Now Accepting Grants from Businesses Near 38th Street & Chicago Avenue
Cook County Record, December 27, 2021

Texas county announces settlement in the wrongful death lawsuit of Javier Ambler, a Black man who died during arrest
CNN, December 15, 2021

The Struggle Remains: Antonio Romanucci helped secure a record civil settlement for George Floyd's family. But the fight for justice continues for Chicago Lawyer's 2021 Person of the Year.
Chicago Lawyer, December 15, 2021

Former Minnesota police officer on trial for murder of Daunte Wright
ABC Nightline, December 15, 2021

Day 2 of Kim Potter trial set to continue in Minneapolis
ABC News, December 10, 2021

Whistleblower cops face a system built to beat them down
December 9, 2021

Hillsdale County man's fatal shooting by deputy sparks federal lawsuit
The Detroit News, October 15, 2021

Civil Lawsuit filed Police Shooting Death of Oscar Herrera
October 14, 2021

Texas Board Recommends Posthumous Pardon for George Floyd
The New York Times, October 6, 2021

Opinion: For Black Americans, Senate Democrats must stand firm on the George Floyd bill
September 26, 2021

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

WTTW - Chicago Tonight: Federal Court Certifies Cass Action Lawsuit Against CPD for its "Stop and Frisk" Practices
WTTW - Chicago Tonight, September 7, 2021

FOX 32 Chicago: Lawsuit filed over Hazing and Sexual Assault of Plainfield Central Football Players
FOX 32 Chicago, August 23, 2021

'Fred was a hero': Activists, family members, attorneys protest killing of Fred Cox Jr.
Triad City Beat, June 30, 2021

Man Fatally Shot By Police Not Taken To Hospital For 25 Minutes
Patch, November 6, 2020

Waukegan police shooting victim Marcellis Stinnette did not get immediate aid because authorities feared he had a gun, records show
Lake County News-Sun, November 6, 2020

Waukegan releases reasons for firing officer who killed Marcellis Stinnette
Lake County News-Sun, November 6, 2020

Report: Cops Moved Slowly Due to Fear Dying Man May Be Armed
U.S. News & World Report

Cops moved slowly to help dying man in Waukegan police shooting over fear he may be armed: police reports
ABC 7 Chicago, November 6, 2020

Now-Fired Waukegan Police Officer Dante Salinas, Who Shot And Killed Marcellis Stinnette, Was Never Disciplined In Earlier Disputed Use-Of-Force Incident
CBS 2 Chicago, November 6, 2020

Cops moved slowly to help dying man in Waukegan police shooting over fear he may be armed: police reports
ABC 7 Chicago, November 6, 2020

Ex-officers in George Floyd case will stand trial together, judge rules
NBC National News, November 6, 2020

Newly-Released Video Documents Waukegan Officer Dante Salinas' Remarks After He Shot And Killed Marcellis Stinnette
CBS 2 Chicago, November 5, 2020

Judge rejects moving trial of ex-officers in Floyd's death.
Associated Press, November 5, 2020

Tipping Point – How a Senior Paralegal Fortifies the Case for Police Misconduct Victims
November 2020

Woman wounded during Waukegan police shooting sues city, officers involved
FOX National News, October 30, 2020

Officer didn't have body cameras on during fatal shooting of Black teen.
CBS National News, October 29, 2020

Waukegan police shooting video released, victims' attorneys question officer's credibility
FOX National News, October 28, 2020

Waukegan police release video footage, but none of it shows fatal shooting of Marcellis Stinnette
Lake County News-Sun, October 28, 2020

Waukegan police officer turned on body cam after fatal shooting, city releases videos
USA Today, October 28, 2020

'Why did he shoot us?' Officials release video of fatal shooting by Waukegan officer
Washington Post, October 28, 2020

Woman injured in police shooting says cops let boyfriend die
Associated Press, October 28, 2020

Woman wounded in fatal Illinois police shooting: 'Our 7-month-old son will never know his father'
USA Today, October 27, 2020

Woman wounded in fatal shooting of Marcellis Stinnette disputes Waukegan police narrative
Washington Post, October 27, 2020

"They allowed him to die": Woman injured in police shooting that killed her boyfriend speaks out
CBS National News, October 27, 2020

Girlfriend gives her account of how Waukegan police shot at her and Marcellis Stinnette
Daily Herald, October 27, 2020

Protests in Illinois city over police killing of Black teenager
Yahoo! News, October 27, 2020

Family of Javier Ambler, a Black man who died during arrest, files wrongful death lawsuit against Williamson County
CNN, October 27, 2020

Family sues Texas county for wrongful death of Black man during 'Live PD' production
NBC National News, October 26, 2020

Family of Black man killed in Texas police chase sues with help of lawyer in George Floyd case
USA Today, October 26, 2020

Family of Javier Ambler suing Williamson County
FOX 7 Austin, October 26, 2020

George Floyd family lawyer to represent Javier Ambler's family in lawsuit against Williamson County
NBC News KXAN-Austin, October 26, 2020

Judge dismisses third-degree murder charge against officer in George Floyd's death; upholds more serious charge
Washington Post, October 25, 2020

UPDATE: Ben Crump To Represent Waukegan Police Shooting Victim Tafara Williams
BET, October 24, 2020

The police shooting of Marcellis Stinnette and Tafara Williams, an unarmed Black couple, explained
VOX, October 24, 2020

Police officer who fatally shot a Black man in Illinois has been fired, authorities say
CNN, October 24, 2020

Police officer fired after fatal shooting involving unarmed Black couple in Illinois
ABC National News, October 23, 2020

City Wants Michael LaPorta, Shot And Permanently Disabled By CPD Officer Patrick Kelly, To Testify Against Him
CBS 2 Chicago, October 14, 2020

After a decade of insisting it was a botched suicide, city asks injured man to help them prove Chicago cop shot him
Chicago Tribune, October 14, 2020

Former IDOC inmate Anthony Gay talks solitary confinement at NPEP Transforming Criminal Justice roundtable
Daily Northwestern, October 13, 2020

Review examines death of man in police custody who said 'I can't breathe'
Las Vegas Review-Journal, October 2, 2020

Prude Daughters' Attorney: No Excuse for Officers' "Excessive Mistreatment" of Prude
Spectrum News, October 1, 2020

Doubt about police in Chicago manifests itself on racial lines in monitor's survey, legal challenges over street stops
Chicago Tribune, September 25, 2020

George Floyd's family disputes drug allegations
ABC National News

Attorneys: HCMC employees looked at George Floyd's private medical records without authorization
Minneapolis Star Tribune, September 9, 2020

Rochester police chief, other high-ranking officials retire amid inquiry into man's death in custody
The Washington Post, September 8, 2020

Rochester Mayor Promises Police Reform In Wake Of Death Of Chicago Man Daniel Prude
CBS 2 Chicago

Daniel Prude's death highlights dangers of 'spit hoods' and calls for regulation
The Washington Post, September 5, 2020

Family of Black man killed in custody of Metro Police seeks justice
Las Vegas Sun, September 5, 2020

Family of Byron Williams still waiting for answers one year later
ABC 13 Las Vegas, September 5, 2020

Daniel Prude's daughter calls suspension of cops in father's death a "slap in the face"
CBS National News, September 4, 2020

Attorney for the family of Daniel Prude: 'I fault the police for doing their job incorrectly and not being able to assess the situation.'
WGN-Radio 720, September 3, 2020

Daniel Prude's daughter says her dad was not the animal officers treated him like before he died
CNN, September 3, 2020

Rochester Mayor Suspends Officers Involved In Death In Custody Of Daniel Prude Of Chicago
CBS 2 Chicago, September 3, 2020

Chicago woman blames police brutality after father's death in New York
FOX32 Chicago

Chicago teen says she is grieving for Daniel Prude, her father
Democrat & Chronicle, September 3, 2020

Daniel Prude's daughter speaks out after father's 'spit hood' death: My dad is not the animal they treated him like
Evening Standard

The George Floyd Edition
Legal Talk Network Podcast - @theBar, September 2, 2020

Plaintiffs' lawyers file 600 more personal injury lawsuits vs Sterigenics, now also suing Griffith Foods
Cook County Record, August 25, 2020

600 new ethylene oxide lawsuits filed against Sterigenics in Illinois
Medical Design & Outsourcing, August 24, 2020

Hundreds more lawsuits filed over ethylene oxide emissions at Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook
Chicago Tribune, August 21, 2020

600+ Additional Lawsuits Filed Against Sterigenics
WBBM News Radio Chicago, August 21, 2020

Floyd family sues Minneapolis officers charged in his death.
Associated Press, July 16, 2020

George Floyd's family files civil rights lawsuit calling killings by police a 'public health crisis'
CNN, July 16, 2020

Floyd family sues Mpls. officers, city
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, July 16, 2020

George Floyd's family sues city of Minneapolis, Derek Chauvin and 3 former officers
USA Today, July 15, 2020

George Floyd's Family Files Civil Lawsuit Against Minneapolis And Police, Lawyers Say
NPR Radio, July 15, 2020

George Floyd family sues city of Minneapolis, officers involved citing 'reckless disregard' of civil rights.
Minneapolis Star Tribune, July 15, 2020

George Floyd's Family Bringing Lawsuit Against Minneapolis, Police Officers
Newsweek

George Floyd's family sues Minneapolis and four officers charged in his death
CBS National News, July 15, 2020

Chicago lawyer, others sue Minneapolis for George Floyd's family.
Crain's Chicago Business, July 15, 2020

Antonio Romanucci's involvement with the George Floyd case.
WGN Radio 720, June 21, 2020

An Italian American defending George Floyd and fighting against racism and injustice: meet Antonio Romanucci.
We the Italians, June 18, 2020

The One Where Prominent Trial Attorney Tony Romanucci Discusses Representing the Family of George Floyd
Non-Compliant Podcast, June 17, 2020

Perils of police at high speeds spur calls for more reform.
Associated Press, June 15, 2020

Police Are Using Implications of Drug Use to Justify Killing.
Truthout, June 9, 2020

'Just hurts a lot': George Floyd's brothers, Rev. Al Sharpton, Ben Crump and families of other victims give emotional speeches at public memorial

NBC News - Houston, June 8, 2020

On the Case with Antonio Romanucci & William Pintas.

WVON Radio, June 7, 2020

Romanucci on George Floyd, McCord on Antifa, Mulhauser on citizen's arrest laws, Parker on what lawyers for social justice and more

WGN Radio - Legal Face-Off, June 5, 2020

Romanucci joins Floyd estate legal team.

We the Italians, June 4, 2020

What to make of the independent autopsy results of George Floyd

FOX32 Chicago, June 3, 2020

Officer who knelt George Floyd charged with second-degree murder; 3 other cops now charged

Atlanta Journal-Constitution, June 3, 2020

Two autopsies both find George Floyd died by homicide, but differ on some key details

CBS News, June 3, 2020

Independent autopsy and Minnesota officials say George Floyd's death was homicide

CNN, June 2, 2020

Romanucci joins Floyd estate legal team

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, June 2, 2020

George Floyd died from 'asphyxiation from sustained pressure,' independent autopsy says.

USA Today, June 1, 2020

State, independent autopsies agree on homicide in George Floyd case, but clash on underlying cause

Thomson Reuters, June 1, 2020

Episode #1: Antonio Romanucci.

The Result Podcast, May 11, 2020

COVID-19 Business Relief Webcast featuring Antonio Romanucci

Crain's Chicago Business, April 29, 2020

Romanucci & Blandin attorneys shine

Fra Noi, April 7, 2020

Bill would limit solitary confinement in Illinois prisons.

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, March 12, 2020

Limits sought for solitary confinement

March 11, 2020

Anthony Gay's decades in solitary confinement led to self-mutilation. Now a proposed law to limit prisoner isolation in Illinois is named in his honor.

Chicago Tribune, March 10, 2020

Proposed law named for ex-inmate from Rock Island limits isolation in prisons.
KWQC-TV Iowa, March 10, 2020

Sterigenics update at summit
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, February 24, 2020

Sterigenics denies claims it raided funds to minimize potential court payout
WJBC-AM Radio, February 13, 2020

Lawsuit claims Sterigenics company has been paying out investors at the expense of plaintiffs suing over ethylene oxide emissions in Willowbrook
Chicago Tribune, February 10, 2020

Plaintiffs question money flow from Sterigenics corporate fund.
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, February 5, 2020

Sterigenics accused of moving \$1.3 billion to avoid ethylene oxide payouts
Medical Design & Outsourcing, February 4, 2020

Did Sterigenics Preemptively Pay Out Investors To Drain Legal Settlement Funds?
WBEZ Radio Chicago, February 3, 2020

Sterigenics accused of funneling cash to shareholders to avoid damages in toxic emissions lawsuit
Chicago Sun-Times, February 3, 2020

Sterigenics accused of paying investors millions to avoid paying victims affected by pollution
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UIC Alumni Exchange: Fighting Police Misconduct and Advocating for Social Justice Reform
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The Most Successful Civil Rights Lawyers Discuss the Seismic Shift in Litigation
Virtual Event, December 10, 2020

Speaking Engagements

- Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Police Pursuits: Leveraging Mock Trials to Earn a Valuable Case Verdict, December 10, 2021
- Rotary Club of Chicago, presenter, The Personal Experience From Within the George Floyd Case, November 30, 2021
- Trial Lawyers University, presenter with Nicolette Ward re: Police Chase: Carreon v. City of Chicago, October 29, 2021
- Trial Lawyers University, presenter with Ben Crump re: Excessive Force: George Floyd Settlement, October 28, 2021
- AAJ Civil Rights/Minority Caucus CLE, presenter with Ben Crump re: From the eyes of the family, what it's like to file a civil rights claim, October 2021
- Harris Co. (Texas) Democratic Lawyers Assn., presenter with Ben Crump re: George Floyd case and federal police reform, October 2021
- 360 Advocacy, Presenter re: Police Misconduct, Pursuit Cases and the Tragedies that Lie Behind Them, October 2021
- Trial Lawyers University, Presenter with Nicolette Ward, Teaching Points re: \$21,300,000 High Speed Chase/Wrongful Death Verdict, September 2021
- University of Chicago Law School, Presenter, Opening Statement Demo for Prosecution in Faulkner Case, September 2021
- Saint Mary of the Lake Parish, Keynote Speaker, Conversations in the Courtyard: A theological series of talks and social opportunities for young adults as it relates to civil justice and faith, July 2021
- UIC Chicago, Alumni Exchange, Fighting Police Misconduct and Advocating for Social Justice Reform, June 2021
- National Habeas Assistance and Training Counsel, Keynote Speaker, Police Habits, Training and Practices: A blueprint for racial injustice, June 2021
- Jude Leadership Society, Panelist, Inspired Leadership, May 2021
- Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Presenter, Police Misconduct Cases and Federal Police Reform, March 2021
- ITLA, Damages Seminar Moderator, Injures Caused by Police Misconduct: The Power of Themes in Establishing Damages, February 2021
- UIC John Marshall Law School, Dean's Conversation Series: A Conversation about Developments in the George Floyd Murder Case with Antonio Romanucci, February 2021

- Black Lens Symposium, Presenter, A Platform for Federal Police Reform, January 2021
- 360 Advocacy, Webinar Presenter, The Most Successful Civil Rights Lawyers Discuss the Seismic Shift in Litigation: How One Good Apple Beats the Lies, December 2020
- AAJ, Webinar Presenter, Essentials of TBI Litigation: The Direct Examination of a Psychiatrist, November 2020
- Colorado State Bar Association, Annual Meeting – Virtual Presenter, August 2020
- AAJ, Webinar Panelist, Town Hall: Police Brutality, July 2020.
- AAJ, Webinar Moderator, Creating Change: An Introductory Primer for Police Misconduct and Civil Rights Cases, June 2020
- UIC John Marshall Law School, Webinar Q&A with Dean Darby Dickerson and Students, June 15, 2020
- Crain's Chicago Business Live Webcast, Panelist, Crisis Relief for Businesses, April 29, 2020
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Civil Rights Class Guest Lecturer, Chicago, IL, April 22, 2020
- North American Brain Injury Society Conference, Defense Vocational Experts, New Orleans, LA, February 26, 2020
- Exigent Medical Litigation Summit, Panelist, The Intersection of Technology, Medical Expertise, and Legal Innovation, Chicago, IL, February 20, 2020
- AAJ, Traumatic Brain Injury: Proving the Invisible and Other Unique Challenges, New Orleans, LA, February 10, 2020
- Chicago Bar Association, Event Chair, Curbing Gun Violence: Are we Making Progress? Issues Impacting Gun Violence in Chicago's Neighborhoods, Chicago, IL, January 29, 2020
- HUB, Panelist, Addressing the Opioid Epidemic, Chicago, IL, July 24, 2019
- Cassidy Schade, LLP, Panel Moderator, Client Seminar on Social Media, Chicago, IL, May 9, 2019
- ITLA, Damages Seminar Moderator, Grief and Sorrow, Chicago, IL, February 18, 2019
- AAJ, Implicit Bias and its Direct Relationship with the Unlikable Plaintiff, Miami, FL, February 2, 2019
- Law Bulletin Seminars, Discussion Leader, 9th Annual Symposium With the Judges, Chicago, IL, November 14, 2018
- Attorneys Information Exchange Group, Mock Trial Plaintiffs' Team Member, Taking It to Trial: Death by Bad Design, November 8 & 9, 2018
- Chicago Bar Association, Premises and Municipal Liability: Avoiding, Mitigating, Preparing, and Litigating Panel, Chicago, IL, October 25, 2018
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- Chicago Bar Association, Event Chair, Lawyers Call for Action Program, Chicago, IL, November 3, 2017
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- Chicago Bar Association, Moderator & Event Chair – A Path Towards Solutions: A Summit on Curbing the Violence in Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 19, 2017
- Ohio Association for Justice, Excessive Police Force Against the Emotionally Impaired, Columbus, OH, May 4, 2017

- UIC John Marshall Law School, Q & A with students, Chicago, IL, April 2017
- Chicago Bar Association, Civil Rights and Police Liability Litigation Panel, Chicago, IL, April 19, 2017
- Law Bulletin Seminars, Discussion Leader, 7th Annual Symposium With the Judges, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2016
- UIC John Marshall Law School, Police Misconduct Case Analysis, Chicago, IL, March 2016
- AAJ, Settlement and Negotiation Techniques, Boca Raton, FL, February 2016
- AAJ, Multigenerational Workforce Diversity and Law Firm Management, Boca Raton, FL, February 2016
- AAJ, Overcoming Juror Bias in Police Misconduct Cases, Montreal, Canada, July 13, 2015
- AAJ, Litigating Excessive Police Force Cases: The Misuse of Tasers and Guns, June 2015
- ITLA, Preparing Your Client to Testify at Trial, Chicago, IL, March 2015
- AAJ, US Supreme Court Analysis of Police Misconduct Cases, Palm Springs, CA, February 2015
- Chicago Bar Association, Update on Disappearance of Malaysia Flight \$370 and Damages Suspected, Chicago, IL, November 2014
- AAJ, Police Misconduct, New Orleans, LA, February 2014
- AAJ, Priming the Plaintiff's Medical Expert, Chicago, IL, February 2014
- UIC John Marshall Law School, Legal Implications of Concussions for Sports and the Military in the Future, October 2012
- AAJ, Police Misconduct, Chicago, IL, January 2014
- AAJ, Guest Lecturer, Police Misconduct, San Francisco, CA, July 2013
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, Jury Selection, Chicago, IL, October 2012
- Law Bulletin Seminars, Rule 243 Examination – Questions from Jurors, Chicago, IL, November 2012
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- AAJ, Program Moderator – 21st Century Discovery and Litigation Techniques, Chicago, IL, July 2012
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- Law Bulletin Seminars, Jury Deliberations, Chicago, IL, June 7, 2011
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- UIC John Marshall Law School, Starting your own Law Firm, Chicago, IL, October 2010
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- Illinois State Bar Association, Moderator for 2 day MCLE Seminar-Governmental Tort Immunity, Collinsville and Lombard, IL, November 2006
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