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Practice Areas

Civil Rights & Police Misconduct

Domestic Abuse

Environmental & Toxic Torts

Mass Shooting

Mass Torts & Class Actions

Product Liability

Sexual Abuse & Hazing

Wrongful Death

Education & Certifications

- Mass-Tort MDL Certificate, Duke Law School—Bolch Judicial Institute, 2020
- J.D., *magna cum laude*, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2017
- B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2013

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

State of Illinois, 2017

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2017

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 2019

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, 2021

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth

Bryce is a Senior Attorney at Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, where he helps manage the firm's complex litigation group representing individual and classes of victims of toxic exposures, product defects, civil rights violations, fraud, sexual harassment, automobile accidents and other catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death.

In just his first few years as an attorney, Bryce has made a name for himself in Chicago and nationwide working on numerous high-profile mass tort cases. Bryce represented over 70 victims of the Las Vegas shooting, which along with thousands of others, settled their cases for \$800 million. Bryce also represents users of Zantac now diagnosed with cancer around the country; the Boeing airlines crash in Ethiopia; and police misconduct in Chicago.

In October 2019, Bryce was appointed as the Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel in the Sterigenics litigation by the Circuit Court of Cook County. In that position, he is the representative of the nearly two dozen firms representing victims in the litigation before the Court and with defendants' counsel. In August 2020, he orchestrated one of the largest filings in Cook County history with over 700 individual lawsuits filed against Sterigenics and other defendants. He is now responsible for the coordination, organization, and management of all of the over 750 pending claims in the litigation.

Bryce has also tried cases. In March 2022, Bryce delivered the rebuttal closing argument in a wrongful death case against the City of Chicago for the wrongful death of an emotionally-disturbed person that resulted in a \$742,500 verdict for his client.

Bryce has briefed, argued, and won numerous motions and appeals in state and federal courts. Most notably, in December 2018, he argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and reversed the District Court's grant of summary judgment against his client. (*Lewis v. City of Shreveport, et al.*, 765 Fed. Appx. 93 (5th Cir. 2019)).

Bryce has also obtained tens of millions of dollars in settlements for his clients, including: a \$4.25 million wrongful death settlement against the City of Chicago for a police shooting; a \$4 million wrongful death settlement for a workplace toxic exposure; a \$2.1 million settlement against the Archdiocese of Chicago for the sexual abuse of a minor child; a \$2.25 million settlement against a multi-purpose arena in a premises liability case that resulted in a client suffering a fractured

Circuit, 2018

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh
Circuit, 2018

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit, 2021

ankle and CRPS; and a \$610,000 settlement on behalf of a client with a herniated disc due to an automobile collision.

Experience

\$4,250,000 – Police Misconduct

\$4,000,000 Settlement - Workplace Chemical Exposure
April 29, 2022

\$742,500 Verdict – Police Shooting
March 24, 2022

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

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

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

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

Awards & Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, 2021-2023
- *Rising Star* by Illinois Super Lawyers®, 2020, 2021
- *Emerging Lawyer* by Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2020, 2021
- Named to the '20 Chicagoans in their 20s' list by *Crain's Chicago Business*, 2020

- Order of the Coif, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2017
- Bar and Gavel Society, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2017
- Trial Advocacy Team Captain – Chicago-Kent College of Law
 - Best Advocate Award – NBTA National Tournament of Champions, 2016
 - Top Gun Trial Advocate – Baylor University College of Law, 2016
- CALI Award – Chicago-Kent College of Law
 - Torts, Property, Civil Procedure, Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and the Law of Section 1983

Legal Activities & Leadership

- American Association for Justice (AAJ), Member
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA), Member
- The National Trial Lawyers, Member

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Trial Advocacy
 - Team Captain, 2017
 - Volunteer, 2017-Present
- Immanuel Lutheran Church and School
 - Volunteer, 2014-Present

Notable Cases

- Las Vegas Route 91 Shooting Litigation, mass tort, \$800M global settlement
- *LaPorta v. City of Chicago*, October 2017, civil rights, \$44.7M verdict
- *Confidential Settlement*, premises liability, \$2.25M settlement
- *Confidential Settlement*, sexual abuse case, \$2.1M settlement
- *Castillo v. Reyes*, automobile collision, \$610,000 settlement
- *Lewis v. City of Shreveport*, civil rights appeal

In the News

Patient claims medical device malfunctioned, perforated internal organs
Madison - St. Clair Record, June 17, 2022

Police driving practices under scrutiny as crashes kill officers, bystanders
CBS News, June 6, 2022

Jury finds Chicago police liable in 2014 killing of man, awards \$742,000
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, March 29, 2022

Jury awards \$742K to family of dad killed by cops while having mental health crisis
Chicago Sun-Times, March 25, 2022

Indemnizan con más de \$700,000 a hijos de Héctor Hernández, muerto por 13 tiros de policías de Chicago
Univision Chicago, March 25, 2022

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

Federal Court approves class action lawsuit against Chicago Police Department
The Chicago Crusader, September 21, 2021

Local firm plays role in \$800M Vegas deal.
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

Chicago Attorneys Blast 'Reprehensible' Suit Targeting Las Vegas Shooting Victims.
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

Pulse Nightclub, 1 October shooting victims share stories of survival.
CBS 8 Las Vegas

Blog Posts

The Need for Medical Monitoring in Illinois
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, July 30, 2021

Big Pharma's Failures Cause Permanent Vision Damage for Elmiron Users
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, March 3, 2021

Leading the Charge: Romanucci & Blandin's Leadership Roles in Large-Scale Litigation
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, February 15, 2021

What's the Difference: Class Actions vs. Mass Torts
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, September 10, 2020

Publications

- Decalogue Tablets, "Close to Home: Your Unfriendly, Neighborhood Carcinogen" (Sterigenics-Ethylene Oxide Exposure Cases), Summer 2019.
- Best Lawyers Magazine—Business Edition, "Warning Signs" (Mass Shooting Lawsuits), Summer 2019.