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Practice Areas

Birth Injuries

Environmental & Toxic Torts

Mass Torts & Class Actions

Medical Malpractice

Premises Liability

Product Liability

Transportation & Car Accidents

Wrongful Death

Education & Certifications

- J.D., William and Mary School of Law and Northwestern University School of Law, 2009
- B.A., Kenyon College, 2005

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

Illinois, 2009

S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2009

Member of the Trial Bar, 2013

S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2020

Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, 2020 (*Pro Hac Vice*)

S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, 2020 (*Pro Hac*)

David Neiman is a personal injury and consumer rights attorney who has successfully litigated a variety of cases throughout the country. David has spent much of his career representing victims and their families in cases involving medical malpractice, premises liability, transportation accidents, including automobile crashes and aviation disasters, and civil rights matters. Most recently, he has focused his practice on mass tort and class action litigation, including consumer protection matters involving insurance products, data and privacy cases, chemical toxic exposure cases, and product liability cases.

David is known for taking on powerful cases with national implications. He, alongside Romanucci & Blandin, LLC Founding Partner Antonio Romanucci, is currently leading the firm's representation of shooting victims in landmark cases against gun manufacturers that produce, market, and advertise assault rifles used in mass shootings. Notably, David is currently representing dozens of shooting victims across the country, including children injured in the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas on May 24, 2022, and dozens of victims of the Highland Park, Illinois parade shooting that occurred on July 4, 2022.

David's reputation for finding meaningful and creative solutions to tough cases has led to his appointment to leadership positions in several mass tort and class action cases. David served as lead counsel in *In re: Beach Park Chemical Spill*, in which more than 60 residents, passersby, and first responders sustained injuries from an ammonia chemical spill that occurred in Beach Park, Illinois on April 25, 2019. More recently, David was appointed to the Plaintiffs Steering Committee for *In re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3060, Case No. 1:23-cv-818 (Northern District of IL) where he is actively representing women who have used chemical hair straightening products and subsequently developed uterine, endometrial, and ovarian cancer. He is also concurrently serving on the Plaintiffs Steering Council representing property owners in and around Rockton, IL who sustained damage following the Chemtool chemical plant fire explosion that occurred on June 14, 2021. In addition, David is currently working on the Plaintiff's Steering Committee for *In re: Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET 302 Crash* representing victims in the case against The Boeing Company following the crash of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 that occurred on March 10, 2019, as well as and has further served as co-lead counsel in several data breach and privacy cases, including cases alleging violations of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act.

Vice)

S. District Court for the Northern
District of California, 2021

S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit,
2021

S. District Court for the Central
District of Illinois, 2021

S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit,
2021

S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit,
2022

S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Michigan, 2023

S. District Court for the Western
District of Texas, Del Rio, 2023 (*Pro
Hac Vice*)

Prior to joining Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, David was a partner at Baizer Kolar Neiman P.C. In his last two trials at that firm, David earned verdicts on behalf of his clients totaling \$70 million. In May 2018, David was part of the trial team with Bob Baizer and Joe Kolar that obtained a \$25 million verdict for the wrongful death of a 43-year-old woman for failure to identify and remove an ovarian mass ultimately leading to a terminal cancer diagnosis. In March 2019, David first-chaired a trial in which he obtained a \$45 million verdict for the family of a woman who was killed in a car crash in Lake County, Illinois.

David's work on behalf of plaintiffs has been recognized by prestigious ranking directories, including Law Bulletin Media, which named him *40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch* for 2022. Law Bulletin Publishing Company has separately identified David an *Emerging Lawyer* from 2017-2023. David has also proudly been named one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2021-2023, and an *Illinois Super Lawyer* for 2022-2023 (David was previously named an Illinois' *Rising Stars* by Super Lawyers® for the years 2015-2021).

David received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio majoring in American Studies. He then attended law school at William and Mary School of Law and Northwestern University School of Law. While in law school, David worked at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Following law school, he served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Judge John Daniel Tinder with the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

David is involved with several community non-profit organizations. He was on the Board of Directors of the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic and served as the Board's Chairman from 2017-2019. Under David's leadership, The Clinic expanded from a local legal aid clinic serving two communities to now serving more than ten in the areas of immigration, domestic violence, and landlord/tenant issues. David is also formerly the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Deerfield Park Foundation, which offers financial assistance to those in the community in need. Lastly, David serves on the Audit & Finance Committee of Lambs Farm, an organization that provides vocational and residential services for over 250 adults with developmental disabilities.

Experience

\$1,450,000 Settlement – Motorcycle Accident

\$975,000 Settlement – Party Bus Accident

Awards & Recognition

- *Certificate of Recognition*, American Association for Justice, 2023
- Law Bulletin Media *40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch*, 2022
- *Super Lawyer* by Illinois Super Lawyers®, 2022-2023
- *Rising Star* by Illinois Super Lawyers®, 2015-2022
- Named one of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021-2024
- *Emerging Lawyer* by Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2017-2023
- National Trial Lawyers Association "Top 40 Trial Lawyers under 40" in Illinois, 2013

Legal Activities & Leadership

- Illinois State Bar Association
 - Member, Tort Law Section Council, 2022-Present
 - Member, Young Lawyers Division Board Council, 2013-2022
 - General Assembly Representative for the 19th Judicial Circuit, 2016
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
 - Nursing Homes Committee, 2023-Present
 - AAJ State Delegate, 2022-Present
 - Board of Managers, 2020-Present
 - Board of Advocates, 2016-2019
- American Association for Justice
 - Membership Oversight Committee, 2022-2025
 - Public Education Committee, 2022-2025
 - Publications Committee, 2022-2025
 - Press Advisory Board, 2022-2025
 - Committee on the Judiciary, 2022-2023
 - Publications Committee for the New Lawyers Division, 2018-2019
 - NLD Advocate, 2016-2018
- Lake County Bar Association

CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT

- The North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic, f/k/a Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic
 - Chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic, 2017-2019
- Deerfield Park Foundation
 - Served on the Board of Directors for the Deerfield Park Foundation, which offers financial assistance to those in the community in need, 2018-2021
- Lambs Farm
 - Serve on the Board of Directors for Lambs Farm, which is a non-profit organization that serves adults with developmental disabilities, charged with oversight of financial reporting, disclosure, and management, 2023-present
 - Served on the Audit and Finance Committee reporting to the Board of Directors, 2017-present
 - Founded the Metropolitan Division of Lambs Farm, with the goal of planning and promoting fundraising events to support Lambs Farm
- Anti-Defamation League
 - Completed The Glass Leadership Institute in 2014, which is a nationally recognized young leadership development program for the Anti-Defamation League

Notable Cases

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- David serves (or has served) as lead or co-lead counsel in:
 - *In Re Beach Park Chemical Spill*, 19 L 369 (Circuit Court of Lake County, IL)
 - *Baby Doe, et al. v. Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago*, 2020-CH-04123 (Circuit Court of Cook County, IL)
 - *Davis v. Wirco, Inc.*, 21-cv-02279 (Central District of IL)
 - *Curry v. County Materials Corp., et al.*, 22-cv-02015 (Central District of IL)
 - *Clow v. The Sygma Network*, 22-cv-1094 (Central District of IL)
- David also serves as a leadership member in:
 - *In re: Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET 302 Crash*, 19-cv-02170 (Northern District of IL) (Plaintiffs Steering Committee)
 - *Grasley, et al. v. Chemtool Incorporated*, 2021-L-0000162 (Circuit Court of Winnebago County, IL) (Plaintiffs Steering Council)
 - *In re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3060, Case No. 1:23-cv-818 (Northern District of IL)(Plaintiff's Steering Committee)
 - *Janita Hayes, et al. v. L'Oreal USA, Inc., et al.*, 22-L-11132 (Circuit Court of Cook County, IL)

In the News

Judge: Lawsuits vs Smith & Wesson over Highland Park massacre belong in Lake County, not federal court
Cook County Record, September 28, 2023

Club Q shooting victims file notices to sue El Paso County
The Gazette, June 5, 2023

'This could be the case that helps cultivate that change': Lawsuit filed on behalf of Robb Elementary survivor
KSAT-TV, May 24, 2023

Uvalde survivor Mayah Zamora making a difference with life she nearly lost
CBS Texas, May 22, 2023

Uvalde victims' families seek to hold gunmaker accountable, accuse it of marketing to youth
CBS Texas, May 22, 2023

Highland Park parade shooting survivors find hope after tragedy
TODAY, May 4, 2023

Committee hears testimony on King's raise-the-age bill
Uvalde Leader-News, April 23, 2023

Two Children, a Burst of Gunfire and the Year That Came After
New York Times, April 17, 2023

Biden calls for investigation of gun makers selling weapons to minors
Business News (biz.crastr.net), March 15, 2023

A Visit to Lambs Farm with Deerfield's David Neiman
Deerfield Neighbors, March 14, 2023

Geico can't end class action claiming its Covid savings plan didn't cut rates enough
Cook County Record, February 9, 2023

Durbin, Schneider announce firearm safe storage legislation alongside Highland Park shooting survivors
Chicago Tribune, February 3, 2023

IL Supreme Court: Biometrics class actions can include claims over five years, not just one
Cook County Record, February 2, 2023

Boeing pleads not guilty to fraud charge in 737 MAX arraignment
Reuters - yahoo!finance, January 26, 2023

Romanucci & Blandin earns high national marks
Fra Noi, January 16, 2023

Assault weapon sales now illegal in Illinois: 'This will save lives,' Pritzker says after signing bill into law
Chicago Sun-Times, January 10, 2023

'A year unlike any other': Highland Park shooting victims continue to deal with grief, anger and pain
Daily Herald, January 4, 2023

Pain remains fresh, push for change strong six months after Highland Park massacre
CBS Chicago, January 4, 2023

Illinois is poised to pass an assault weapons ban. Will it withstand court challenges?
WGN9, January 3, 2023

Survivors of mass shootings in Highland Park, East Garfield Park voice support for proposed assault weapon ban
Chicago Tribune, December 13, 2022

Lawyers for Accused Highland Park Parade Shooter Ask for More Time to Review 'Volume' of Evidence
Chicago Sun-Times, November 2, 2022

Highland Park shooting victims say they are fighting back as they cope day-by-day
WBEZ Chicago, October 21, 2022

Mass Shooting Victims Are Suing Gun Manufacturers
Newsy, October 17, 2022

3 Takeaways From The First BIPA Verdict
Law360, October 13, 2022

Gun industry faces a new wave of lawsuits that could reshape how firearms are sold
CNBC, October 6, 2022

Taking gun manufacturers to court can save lives
Chicago Sun-Times, October 5, 2022

Highland Park shooting victims sue Smith & Wesson, gun shops, alleged shooter and his father over July 4 parade mass shooting
Chicago Tribune, September 30, 2022

Smith & Wesson is accused of marketing guns to 'disturbed young men' in suit by July 4 victims
ABA Journal, September 29, 2022

Highland Park Fourth of July massacre: First lawsuits filed, call attack 'predictable and preventable'
Chicago Sun-Times, September 28, 2022

Highland Park Shooting Victims File Lawsuit Against Gun Maker and Others, Targeting their Marketing
NBC 5 Chicago, September 28, 2022

Editorial: Lessons from the Sterigenics case. Why allow harmful emissions so close to homes and schools?
Chicago Tribune, September 27, 2022

Latest suit from Chief derailment claims Amtrak, BNSF 'placed profits over safety'
Trains, July 11, 2022

Lawsuit filed on behalf of an injured passenger in Amtrak train derailment
NBC - 8 KOMU, July 9, 2022

David A. Neiman Named Partner at Romanucci & Blandin
ISBA's The Bar News, February 25, 2022

Family of man who died after falling from moving party bus reaches settlement with company
Chicago Sun-Times, January 21, 2022

Blog Posts

Eye in the Sky: Drones Will Allow for More Safety and Security at Illinois Public Events
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, June 29, 2023

Biometric Privacy and Workers' Rights
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, February 15, 2022

BIPA and Enhanced Protections for Illinois Workers
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, January 18, 2022

Auto Insurance Premium Relief in the COVID-19 Era: Is your insurance company really looking out for you?
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, September 22, 2021

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

Flying Public, Pay Attention to the Plane You Book
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, February 10, 2021

Covid-19 Business Interruption Lawsuits – Where Do They Stand?
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, September 23, 2020

Speaking Engagements

- 25th Ward - City of Chicago, Speaker, *Know Your Options Small Business Forum: Insurance Claims for Lost Revenue, Government Loans and Grants, and other Legal Options in the Face of Coronavirus*, May 2020
- Chambers of Commerce for Evanston, Skokie, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, and the Greater Wheeling Area (Illinois), Speaker, *Know Your Options Small Business Webinar: Business Interruption Insurance Claims*, May 2020

- Illinois State Bar Association, Moderator, *Legal Malpractice Pitfalls for Young Lawyers*, April 2015

Publications

- Illinois State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Section Newsletter, *Avoiding legal malpractice claims*, February 2016.
- Illinois State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Section Newsletter, *Tips for lawyers looking to network and market themselves*, August 2014