

Michael E. Holden

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Practice Areas

Birth Injuries

Mass Shooting

Medical Malpractice

Nursing Home Abuse

Premises Liability

Product Liability

Transportation & Car Accidents

Workplace Injury

Education & Certifications

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2008
- B.S., Political Science, University of Wisconsin, 2004
- Ohio State University - 2000-2002 (studied toward B.S. in Political Science)
- Mediator, Center for Conflict Resolution
- Certification in Litigation and Dispute Resolution Program at Chicago-Kent College of Law

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

Illinois, 2008

Northern District of Illinois, 2009

Wisconsin, 2014

Even before law school, Michael E. Holden knew he wanted a career where he could help those who had suffered a grave injustice. As a Partner at Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, Michael has the opportunity on a daily basis to fulfill his dream career and make real, meaningful change for his clients and the community at large.

Michael focuses his practice and has significant experience in the litigation of personal injury cases, including: medical malpractice, products liability, nursing-home negligence, premises liability, construction injury, and auto accident cases.

Throughout his tenure at Romanucci & Blandin, Michael has successfully obtained dozens of verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients – many in excess of \$1 million – through trial, mediation, arbitration, and negotiation, including: a \$50 million settlement for the wife of a worker who died following a workplace injury in the Chicago area in 2016; a \$30 million settlement for a family after their son was left permanently disabled and brain injured as a result of 25 experimental surgeries; a \$22.3 million verdict for the family of a young boy who lost his leg due to medical malpractice; and a record breaking \$12.35 million settlement on behalf of the family of a client whose doctors failed to diagnose her breast cancer in a timely manner, which ultimately led to her death at 37 years old.

Michael has been widely recognized for his insight, experience and leadership as an attorney, and has been named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers® for 11 straight years in Illinois and an Emerging Lawyer every year since 2016 by *Leading Lawyers*. Michael has been published and has presented on topics related to personal injury litigation with the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, the Chicago Bar Association, Stafford Continuing Legal Education, and the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

As a law school student, Michael had the opportunity to law clerk at Romanucci & Blandin. That experience underscored his belief in the impact that attorneys can make to help people access the full power of the courts and be compensated fairly for their injuries. Michael graduated from law school in 2008 and was hired full-time as an Associate at Romanucci & Blandin where he has had the opportunity on a daily basis to fulfill his dream career. In 2015, he was named a Senior Associate. Michael was named Partner in 2021.

Central District of Illinois, 2014
Third Circuit Court of Appeals, 2014

Michael grew up in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and now resides in a near northwest suburb of Chicago. When not practicing law, Michael enjoys spending time with his wife and 2 children, is an avid fan of the Packers, Brewers, Badgers, and Blackhawks, and enjoys coaching youth sports, golfing, home-brewing, skiing, and biking.

Experience

\$1,181,000 Settlement – Car Accident
August 25, 2021

\$50,000,000 Settlement – Workplace Wrongful Death
February 2021

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

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

\$3,375,000 Settlement – Trucking Accident

\$12,350,000 Settlement – Cancer Misdiagnoses
February 2020

\$600,000 Settlement – Construction Injury
December 2019

\$4,250,000 Settlement – Medical Malpractice
December 27, 2018

\$1,330,000 Verdict – Car Accident
December 17, 2018

\$3,980,000 Settlement – Surgical & Anesthesia Errors
November 12, 2018

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

\$2,600,000 Settlement – Workplace Injury & Medical Malpractice
August 2017

\$30,000,000 Settlement – Medical Malpractice
February 2016

\$675,000 Settlement – Premises Liability

Awards & Recognition

- *Best Lawyers* in America©, 2023
- *Rising Star* by Illinois Super Lawyers®, 2011-2022
- *Emerging Lawyer* by Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2016-2021

Legal Activities & Leadership

- American Association for Justice (AAJ), Member
- Chicago Bar Association (CBA), Member
- Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), Member
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)
 - Membership Co-Chair, 2011-present
- Public Justice, Member

In the News

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

Blog Posts

Post-Pandemic Motor Vehicle Crashes and Deaths Rising – What You Can Do to Protect Yourself
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, March 15, 2022

Beyond the Bio: R&B Partner Michael E. Holden
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, March 14, 2022

Workplace Injuries Cases
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, January 25, 2021

Statute of Limitations in Medical Malpractice Lawsuits
Romanucci & Blandin Blog, August 14, 2020