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Areas of Practice

Litigation/Trial Practice | Appellate Practice | Arbitration | White Collar Law

Anthony Carballo is Of Counsel in the Litigation Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. Mr. Carballo was a Partner at Freeborn & Peters, which combined with SGR in 2023.

Mr. Carballo concentrates his practice in complex civil and commercial disputes before trial and appellate courts and arbitration panels throughout the country.

With more than 35 years of experience, he is an accomplished trial and appellate lawyer, having tried hundreds of cases before judges and juries and represented clients in appeals in state and federal courts. His litigation experience covers areas involving breach of contract, fraud and other business torts, breach of fiduciary duty, employment litigation, unfair competition, defamation, intellectual property, class action litigation, real estate and construction litigation, professional malpractice, transportation litigation, environmental litigation, insurance coverage litigation and white collar criminal defense. He has handled hundreds of multi-million dollar litigation matters and has tried numerous jury trials to verdict.

Mr. Carballo also has arbitrated and mediated many cases and has extensive experience in corporate investigations, corporate counseling and risk management. In addition, he has represented many clients in administrative proceedings.

Before joining Freeborn (now SGR), Mr. Carballo served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County, Illinois for eight years. While serving as an Assistant State's Attorney from 1986 to 1994, he prosecuted more than 40 felony jury trials and hundreds of bench trials in the Criminal Prosecutions and Special Prosecutions Bureaus of the State's Attorney's Office. He also presented numerous briefs in the Illinois Appellate and Supreme Courts, and in the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Mr. Carballo has been recognized by his peers as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Commercial Litigation. He is a frequent author and speaker on topics relating to complex civil litigation.

Mr. Carballo received his B.A. from Loras College, *cum laude*, and his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Representative Experience

- Successfully defended an insurance company and third-party administrator in a multi-claim professional malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract case in federal district court.
- Defeated at the summary-judgment stage claims of a conspiracy to defraud where the plaintiff was seeking damages in excess of half a billion dollars.
- Successfully represented corporations in business litigation matters involving actions for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Successfully represented corporations in class action litigation involving employment law violations, environmental contamination and nuisance and trespass.
- Obtained the dismissal of a sexual harassment lawsuit brought against several supervisory Chicago Police Officers in federal district court.
- Successfully represented a corporation in a federal district court case involving claims of fraud, civil conspiracy, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and defamation with more than \$575 million in controversy. We obtained summary judgment in favor of our client on all claims brought by the plaintiff and also obtained a favorable settlement for our client on its counter-claims against the plaintiff and two of its executives for defamation.
- Successfully defended an architect and city planner in a jury trial involving defamation claims and obtained a directed verdict in the client's favor at the close of the plaintiff's case.
- Successfully defended companies on all types of discrimination cases including sex, race, religion, disability and related retaliation claims.
- Successfully represented a Class I railroad company in a multi-million dollar flood damage case brought in federal court against a major utility company.
- Successfully represented a corporation in an internal investigation relating to theft by an employee of the company which resulted in the employee's termination and conviction for felony theft with restitution to our client.
- Successfully represented licensed professionals in administrative proceedings before the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.
- Successfully defended corporations on numerous wrongful death and other serious personal injury and property damage claims.

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Admissions

Illinois

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (including Trial Bar) and Central District of Illinois

Memberships

Chicago Bar Association

DuPage County Bar Association

Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association

National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (former member)

Recognitions

Illinois Leading Lawyers (cited in multiple years)

Illinois Super Lawyers (cited in multiple years)