

## Michael C. Borders

Vice Chairman

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### Areas Of Practice

Litigation  
Product Safety  
Product Liability  
Class Action Defense

### Industries

Insurance Industry Group  
Insurance Related Litigation  
Self-Insured Pools and Statutorily  
Created Insurance Associations

### Bar Admissions

Illinois, 1981

### Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Central District  
of Illinois, 1981  
U.S. District Court, Northern  
District of Illinois, 1981  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit

### Education

University of Notre Dame, J.D.  
University of Notre Dame, B.B.A.

Michael C. Borders is Vice Chairman of the Firm and Office Managing Member of Dykema's Chicago office. Mr. Borders represents clients in a wide variety of litigation matters including insurance disputes, product liability, personal injury, commercial disputes, and class actions.

### Experience

Michael C. Borders joined the Chicago office in 1981. His litigation experience has included the relatively unique representation of parents sued as the result of alleged crimes committed by their children, and claims arising out of alleged hazing in fraternities and sororities. This has resulted in appearances on local and national television.

He has represented clients in a wide variety of litigation-related matters, including:

- Insurance coverage disputes, including prosecuting and defending declaratory judgment and bad faith suits as well as consulting on the most appropriate course of action to resolve complex coverage issues.
- Prosecuted or defended in excess of 300 declaratory actions.
- Acting as coordinating counsel to an insurer on pattern class action litigation.
- Representing a major insurer in litigation relating to a reinsurance pool and statistical reporting practices.
- Defending domestic and foreign manufacturers in product liability suits including manufacturers of a variety of industrial tools, presses, trucks, water heaters, adhesives and other industrial and consumer products
- Defending and prosecuting commercial litigation, including breach of contract, non-competition and trade secret insurance disputes.
- Acted as national counsel to a manufacturer of industrial products, supervising its litigation throughout the United States. In addition, Mr. Borders advises clients in minimizing litigation exposure and on the legal implications of business decisions.

### Significant Decisions

- *Bogenberger v. Pi Kappa Alpha Corp.* 2018 IL 120951
- *State Farm v. Matthews*, 2016 IL App (1st) 143672-U

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- *Wilder Chiropractic, Inc. v. State Farm Fire & Casualty Co.*, 2014 IL App (2d) 130781
- *Bridgeview Health Care Center, Ltd. v. State Farm Fire & Casualty Company*, 2014 IL 116389
- *G.M. Sign v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co.*, 2014 IL App (2d) 130593
- *Byer v. State Farm*, 2013 IL App (1st) 113038
- *G.M. Sign, Inc. v. Schane*, 2013 IL App (2d) 120434
- *Medmarc Casualty Insurance Company v. Avent America, et al*, 600 F.3d 763 (7th Cir.2010)
- *State Farm Fire and Casualty Company v. Perez*, 387 Ill.App.3d 549, 899 N.E.2d 1231, 326 Ill.Dec. 580 (2008)
- *Tax Track Systems Corporation v. New Investors World, Incorporated*, 478 F.3d 783 (2007)
- *Murphy v. Neu-Run Fence*, 2003, Ill. Lexis 2339
- *Wakulich v. Mraz*, 203 Ill.2d 223, 785 N.E.2d 843, 271 Ill.Dec. 649 (2003)
- *Pfiel v. Norskog*, 197 Ill.2d 60, 755 N.E.2d 1, 257 Ill.Dec. 899 (2001)
- *Kim v. State Farm Fire and Cas. Co.*, 312 Ill.App.3d 770, 728 N.E.2d 530, 245 Ill.Dec. 448 (2000)

## News

Dykema Hosts Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Council on Logistics & Transportation  
November 1, 2016

Michael Borders Interviewed in December 2014 Issue of *Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*  
December 1, 2014

Michael Borders, Rosa Tumialán Author Article for *Claims Journal*  
June 2, 2014

Mike Borders Authors Article for *Chicago Lawyer*  
November 1, 2013

Dykema Posts Series of Impressive Appellate Wins Over Past Few Months  
September 16, 2013

Dykema Secures Appellate Court Victory for State Farm  
June 25, 2013

Mike Borders Quoted in *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*  
May 24, 2013

## Memberships & Involvement

- President, Friends of Prentice Women's Hospital
- Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Board Member
- Mercy Housing Lakefront, Board Member and Vice President, 2002-2015; President's Advisory Council, 2016-Present
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
- Illinois Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- University Club of Chicago

## Awards & Recognition

Recipient of AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Rating by *Martindale-Hubbell*

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Recognized in *Illinois Super Lawyers*® for Insurance Coverage, Civil Litigation Defense and Class Action/Mass Torts, 2011-Present

Recognized in *Law & Politics* as an Illinois Super Lawyer for Insurance Coverage, Civil Litigation Defense and Class Action/Mass Torts, 2005-Present

Named an Illinois Leading Lawyer in the areas of Insurance, Insurance Coverage & Reinsurance, Personal Injury Defense: General and Products Liability Defense by the *Leading Lawyers Network*, 2004-Present, Law Bulletin Publishing Company

Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Product Liability Litigation—Defendant, 2009-Present. Copyright 2015 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC