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ADMISSIONS

Indiana

U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

EDUCATION

Indiana University Maurer School of Law – Bloomington, J.D. Howard University, M.M.E. Virginia Union University, B.A.



Curriculum Vitae: Ricardo A. Hall

Ricardo A. Hall is a highly experienced civil litigation attorney. He focuses his practice defending individuals, business entities, and municipalities in matters pertaining to general liability, vehicular accidents, premises liability, and products liability. With an unswerving commitment to obtaining the very best results for his clients, Ricardo takes a proactive approach to the handling of cases, while striving to effect an expeditious and otherwise satisfactory resolution of each case, whether via settlement or through trial.

Before joining Kopka Pinkus Dolin, Ricardo spent twenty-two years at a prominent Indiana defense firm, where he developed and honed his litigation skills. There, in addition to serving as president and managing partner, Ricardo supervised the Subrogation Litigation Department, and tried many cases before judges, as well as juries.

At Kopka Pinkus Dolin, Ricardo will join the firm's Employment Practice Group, as he expands his focus to include employment law, developing and enhancing expertise in the defense of professional liability matters, in addition to the defense of employers and municipalities against a variety of labor and discrimination-based claims.

Trial and Case Highlights

- In a week-long premises liability trial, Ricardo successfully defended a northwest Indiana grocery chain. The case involved a slip and fall in the produce section allegedly due to grapes on the floor. In addition to the claim for compensatory damages, the plaintiff's husband also presented a derivative consortium claim. The demand at trial substantially exceeded the amount for which defendant was willing to settle. Ricardo raised comparative fault, and linked the claimed injuries, including coccydynia (tailbone pain), to pre-existing conditions. A defense verdict followed, from which no appeal was taken.
- In a recent case involving a semi-tractor trailer accident, with damages alleged to be in excess of fifty million dollars, judgment was entered by default as against Ricardo's clients and two co-defendants. Ricardo mounted a challenge against the judgment, and secured relief in the form of an Order setting the judgment aside vis-à-vis his clients. Ricardo then filed a Motion for Summary Judgment which prompted favorable consideration by counsel for the plaintiffs relative to the dismissal of all claims filed as against Ricardo's clients.

MEMBERSHIPS

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Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness
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