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Practice Areas

- Transportation Defense

Mario R. Cusumano is a Principal with the firm's Chicago Office. With over two decades of courtroom experience as a trial attorney, Mr. Cusumano has handled the defense of matters arising from complex construction, motor vehicle and premise liability matters. Mr. Cusumano practiced for 18 years as house counsel for a major property and casualty carrier defending all types of matters arising under the policy of insurance. He has achieved more than 60 jury verdicts. He has particular experience in uninsured motorist and underinsured motorist claims. He has arbitrated over 300 of these first party matters and currently serves as an arbitrator in the tri-panel arbitration process.

Mr. Cusumano had taken a significant role in legislative efforts before the Illinois Legislature in Springfield, Illinois on behalf of the insurance carriers. These efforts resulted in statutory changes which reduced restrictions on the carriers' right of rejection as well as a minimization of the binding limits of arbitration pursuant to the Illinois Uninsured Motorist Statute 215 ILCS 5/143a-2. Mr. Cusumano has been a constant contributor to claims training and education programs in regards to the unique issues relating to uninsured motorist and underinsured motorist matters. He has served as mentor to many first year attorneys as well as law students from The John Marshall Law School and DePaul University School of Law. His experience also includes over a decade of law firm management.

Mr. Cusumano received his Bachelor of Science from the College of Commerce at DePaul University in Chicago. He obtained his Juris Doctor from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He also successfully completed training and instruction at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. During his law school and undergraduate education, Mr. Cusumano held a management position with a family owned transportation company. He also

gained immeasurable experience in commercial and residential property management prior to his career in litigation.

Mr. Cusumano is a member of the prestigious Claim Litigation Management Association whereby attorneys are invited to join the association by industry professionals. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Justinian Society of Lawyers, and ADR Professionals.

Memberships

- ADR Professionals – member (2016 - present)
- Justinian Society of Lawyers (2001 - present)

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court - Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of Illinois

Education

- B.S. - DePaul University, 1987
- J.D. - John Marshall Law School, 1991