



## GREGORY T. GLEN PARTNER

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### Practice Areas

- Bad Faith
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Construction Defect Litigation
- Contract Disputes
- Coverage Litigation
- Dram Shop Litigation
- Elevator Liability
- Products Liability
- Subrogation
- Transportation Defense
- Trusts, Wills, and Estates
- UM/UIM
- Wrongful Death Defense

Gregory T. Glen concentrates his practice in premises liability, construction, transportation, product liability, automobile, bad faith insurance claims, arson, commercial litigation, general insurance defense matters, and subrogation. He has represented clients in more than 25 jury trials and 150 mandatory arbitration hearings. Cases tried to verdict include auto accidents, dram shop claims, premises liability, construction defect, and an assortment of cases ranging from breach of contract to bad faith insurance claims. He has litigated cases ranging from small claims to wrongful death and catastrophic losses involving multiple death and injuries, all resulting in favorable outcomes from primary and excess insurance carriers. Gregory has successfully mediated dozens of cases to settlement and litigated and tried cases throughout the entire State of Illinois. He also drafted a winning appeal in a case establishing plaintiff must first seek leave of court before filing a claim for punitive damages pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-604.1.

Prior to joining Kopka, Gregory worked for a premiere national trial firm representing an excess insurance client. He was a lead trial associate in two bus accidents cases involving multiple deaths and injuries, an excessive force claim against an infamous local township and police department, and a construction defect case that resulted in a \$10,000,000 subrogation settlement for a distribution center that sustained a collapsed roof from improper roof drainage.

### Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

## **Trial and Case Highlights**

- In a jury trial, in the Circuit Court of Kendall County, Gregory defended a rear-end auto accident whereby the plaintiff sustained a lumbar injury that required surgery. Plaintiff's counsel asked for \$1,552,000. Ultimately, the jury awarded the plaintiff \$35,000.
- Gregory defended a rear-end auto accident in a jury trial in the Circuit Court of Cook County where the two plaintiffs claimed soft tissue injuries. They asked the jury for \$102,000 and were awarded \$9,600.
- Gregory tried to verdict and received a not guilty award in a dram shop claim arising from an alleged intoxicated driver striking the plaintiff's vehicle; as a result, the plaintiff lost his left eye and sustained multiple broken bones, including a fractured left hip and ankle.
- Another case tried to verdict, wherein Gregory received a not guilty award, was a dram shop/premises liability claim whereby two off-duty Chicago police officers attempted to enter a tavern and the owner refused entrance to the premises. He fought off two assaults and caused them to receive injuries and claimed emotional distress.
- In a settlement achieved during trial, Gregory settled a \$5,000,000 property loss claim for \$5,000 due to negligent spoliation of evidence when the plaintiff's retained expert witness destroyed a metal coupling from a water riser that broke in a 60-story Chicago high rise, resulting in extensive flooding and water damage.
- Gregory obtained a \$625,000 subrogation settlement during trial against an electrical contractor responsible for causing \$650,000 in property damage due to an electrical fire at an animal hospital in Peoria County, Illinois.
- As retained trial consultant for primary counsel in a bad faith insurance claim whereby homeowner intentionally burned down home, Gregory received a not guilty award for the insurance company. In addition, the insurance company was awarded a \$125,000 judgment against homeowner on counterclaim for insurance company having to pay mortgage. With no evidence as to how fire was started, plaintiffs' liability was established when the wife claimed her husband called her cell phone to notify her of the fire. The cell phone records demonstrated that her husband made no such telephone call.

## **Admissions**

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

## **Education**

- John Marshall Law School, J.D.
- Loyola University of Chicago, B.A. and B.S.