

## FRANK A. PERRECONE CURRICULUM VITAE

**BUSINESS** 321 W. State St., Ste. 800  
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**DATE OF BIRTH** June 14, 1956

**OCCUPATION** Attorney at Law

**LAW LICENSE** State of Illinois, 1981

**EDUCATION** Drake University Law School  
Doctor of Jurisprudence with Honors, 1980

Northern Illinois University  
Bachelor of Arts, 1978

Rock Valley College  
Associate of Arts, 1976

Boylan Central Catholic High School, 1974

**EMPLOYMENT** **2010 - present**  
Principal, Ferolie & Perrecone, Ltd., Rockford, IL

**2006 - 2010**  
Partner, Ferolie & Perrecone, Ltd., Rockford, IL

**1994 - 2006**  
Partner, Ferolie, Perrecone & White, Ltd., Rockford, IL

**1982 - 1994**  
Associate, Lawrence J. Ferolie & Associates, Ltd., Rockford, IL

**1981 - 1982**  
Associate, Ferolie & Boreen, Rockford, IL

**TEACHING POSITION** **1998 - 2008**  
Adjunct Professor of Law, Northern Illinois University College of Law  
Trial Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy and Trial Team Competition

**PUBLICATIONS** Perrecone & Fabiano, *The Federalization of Punitive Damages and the Effect on Illinois Law*, 28 N. ILL. U. L. REV. 537 (2008).

Perrecone & Fabiano, *The Fleecing of Seriously Injured Medical Malpractice Victims in Illinois*, 26 N. ILL. U. L. REV. 527 (2006).

Perrecone, *Seventh Circuit Narrows Application of Illinois Common Fund Doctrine in ERISA Subrogation Claims*, ILL. ST. B. ASS'N TORT TRENDS, Oct. 2003, at 4.

Perrecone, *Effective Use of SCR 213(f)*, ILL. ST. B. ASS'N TORT TRENDS, May 2003, at 1.

Perrecone, *Seventh Circuit Decision Trumps Federal Rule of Civil Procedure*, ILL. ST.

B. ASS'N TORT TRENDS, June 2000, at 8.

Perrecone & Nelson, *Case Note - Blackburn v. Sundstrand Corporation*, 115 F.3d 493 (7th Cir. 1997), ILL. ST. B. ASS'N TORT TRENDS, Nov. 1997, at 1.

Perrecone, *The Plaintiff's Perspective*, ILL. ST. B. ASS'N IN THE ALTERNATIVE, April 1996, at 2.

**ALTERNATIVE  
DISPUTE  
RESOLUTION**

Arbitrator, Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Claims,  
1993 - present

Arbitrator, 17th Circuit Court Mandatory Court Annexed Arbitration Program  
1988 - present

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association  
1986 - present

Mediator, 17th Circuit Court Annexed Major Civil Case Mediation Program  
1993 - present

**LEGAL ABILITY/  
ETHICAL STANDARD  
RATING**

Awarded membership in the National Association of Distinguished Counsel (2015)

Members are vetted by a research team, selected by a blue ribbon panel of attorneys with podium status from independently neutral organizations, and approved by a judicial review board as exhibiting virtue in the practice of law. Due to the selectivity of the appointment process, only the top one percent of attorneys in the United States are awarded membership in the NADC.

Martindale-Hubbell - AV (highest rating) (1997-present)

Legal Ability Rating, of which A is the highest, takes into consideration the standard of professional ability in the area of practice, expertise and other professional qualifications. General Ethical Standards Rating, of which V is the highest, denotes adherence to professional standards of conduct and ethics, reliability, diligence and other criteria relevant to the discharge of professional responsibilities.

Selected as a "Super Lawyer" (2009-present, 2006-2007)

Super Lawyers are chosen by peers and through the independent research of *Law & Politics* from each practice area. Only the top 5% of attorneys in Illinois are designated as Super Lawyers.

Selected as a "Leading Lawyer" in personal injury law (2003-present)

Leading Lawyers are chosen by their peers and the Leading Lawyers Network Advisory Board from each area as being among the top attorneys in Illinois.

**ADMITTED TO  
PRACTICE**

Illinois State Courts  
United States Supreme Court  
United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

**PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

American Association for Justice  
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association  
Illinois State Bar Association  
Winnebago County Bar Association  
Justinian Society of Lawyers

**COMMITTEES,  
OFFICES AND  
APPOINTMENTS**

**Illinois State Bar Association**

Assembly Delegate  
2010 - present, 2000 - 2008, 1992 - 1998

Standing Committee on Legislation  
Member, 2004 - present

Insurance Law Section Council  
Chair, 2011 - 2012  
Member, 2007 - 2013

Assembly Budget and Finance Committee  
Member, 2011

Task Force on CLE Implementation  
Member, 2005 - 2006

Task Force on Unauthorized Practice of Law  
Member, 2003 - 2006

Tort Law Section Council  
Chair, 2002 - 2003, Member 1988 - 1992 and 1994 - 2003

Civil Practice and Procedure Section Council  
Chair, 1991 - 1992, Member 1987 - 1992

Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education  
Chair, 1995 - 1996 and 1988 - 1990, Member 1988 - 1996

Standing Committee on Judicial Appointments  
Member, 1988 - 1990

**Winnebago County Bar Association**

President  
2007 - 2008

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2006 - 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
2005 - 2006

Board of Directors  
Member, 2002 - 2005

Judicial Liaison Committee  
Chair, 2000 - 2001

Trial Section  
Chair, 1998 - 1999

### **Illinois Trial Lawyers Association**

Board of Managers  
Member, 1988 - 1990

### **The Justinian Society of Lawyers**

President, Winnebago County Chapter  
2004 - present

Vice President, Winnebago County Chapter  
2000 - 2004

### **Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education**

Board of Directors  
Member, 1988 - 1989

### **Circuit Court for the 17th Circuit, State of Illinois**

Mentor, Attorney Mentoring Pilot Program  
2009 - present

Member, Peer Review Council for the Circuit's Professionalism Pilot Program  
2009 - present

### **United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois**

Magistrate Judge Mahoney Merit Review Panel  
Chair, 2008

Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group  
Member, 1991 - 1995

### **AWARDS, NOMINATIONS**

Nominee, Professor of the Year, Northern Illinois University College of Law, 2002

Recipient, Honorary Law Alumnus Award for outstanding contributions as adjunct law professor to the Northern Illinois University College of Law, its students and alumni. Presented by Alumni Council, 2001

Nominee, Professor of the Year, Northern Illinois University College of Law, 2001

Recipient, Award plaque presented by trial advocacy students for outstanding contribution and dedication as a trial advocacy professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law, 1998

Recipient, Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors' Award for outstanding efforts in establishing and expanding the "Law Ed Series", 1989

Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award for excellent achievement in the study of Civil Procedure, Drake University Law School, 1980

## **PRESENTER AT CLE PROGRAMS**

Topic: Tips on Closing Arguments  
Program: "Trial Appellate Practice"  
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association  
Date: May 8, 2014

Topic: Set-Offs, Liens and Subrogation in UM/UIM Cases  
Program: "Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists Coverage: The Necessary Basics"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: June 21, 2011

Topic: Closing Arguments  
Program: "Civil Procedure Update 2010"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: April 9, 2010

Topic: Liens and Subrogation Issues in Personal Injury Cases  
Program: "Insurance Law Update 2009"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: November 13, 2009

Topic: Closing Arguments  
Program: "Civil Procedure Update 2009"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: May 22, 2009

Topic: Closing Arguments  
Program: "2009 Trial Practice - Pre-Trial Motions Through Appeal"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: March 27, 2009

Topic: The Federalization of Punitive Damages and the Effect on Illinois Law  
Program: "CLE Buffet"  
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association  
Date: June 13, 2008

Topic: Negotiation and Adjudication of Liens in Personal Injury Cases  
Program: "Hot Topics in Insurance Law"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: June 13, 2008

Topic: Cross Examination (Challenging Your Opponent's Theory of the Case)  
Program: "Hot Tips for Trials"  
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association  
Date: May 15, 2008

Topic: The Federalism of Punitive Damages and the Effect on Illinois Law

Program: "The Modern American Jury"  
Sponsor: Northern Illinois University College of Law  
Date: April 9, 2008

Topic: Closing Arguments  
Program: "Civil Practice Update"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: May 18, 2007

Topic: Closing Arguments  
Program: "Civil Litigation Update & Overview of Civil Practice and Procedure" Sponsor:  
Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: May 12, 2006

Topic: The Fleecing of Seriously Injured Medical Malpractice Victims in Illinois  
Program: "Medical Malpractice: Emerging Issues & The Effects of Tort Reform"  
Sponsor: Northern Illinois University College of Law  
Date: April 13, 2006

Topic: Closing Argument, Do's, Don'ts and More  
Program: "Civil Litigation: Update and Overview of Civil Practice and Procedure"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: May, 2005

Topic: Trial Issues – Practical Advice for Succeeding at Trial  
Program: "Successfully Navigating Civil Litigation"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: December, 2003

Topic: Amended Supreme Court Rule 213  
Program: "Update in Tort"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: December, 2002

Topic: Amended Supreme Court Rule 213  
Program: "Amended Supreme Court Rule 213"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: July, 2002

Topic: Mediation - Plaintiff's Perspective  
Program: "Hot Topics in Dispute Resolution: What Advocates, Neutrals and  
Consumers Need to Know"  
Sponsor: Northern Illinois University College of Law  
Date: March, 2001

Topic: The Realities of Representing Clients Who Have Suffered a Mild Brain Injury  
Program: "Brain Injury Symposium"  
Sponsor: Brain Injury Association of Illinois and University of Illinois College of  
Medicine at Rockford  
Date: December, 2000

Topic: Prosecuting Slip and Fall Cases: What Do You Need to Prove?  
Program: "Litigating Tort Cases Without Going Bankrupt"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: October, 1999

Topic: Subrogation and Lien Issues  
Program: "Nuts and Bolts for the Tort Practitioner"

Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: June, 1999

Topic: Cross Examination  
Program: "Hot Tips for Trials"  
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association  
Date: October, 1998

Topic: Subrogation and Lien Issues  
Program: "Litigating Personal Injury Cases: Recent Decisions"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: February, 1998

Topic: Premises Liability Update  
Program: "Get Caught Up! An Update of Civil Practice, Insurance, Mental Health and Tort Law Issues"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: December, 1997

Topic: Selection of Mediator  
Program: "Making Mediation Work for You"  
Sponsor: American Bar Association  
Date: September, 1997

Topic: Preparation of Your Case and Client for Arbitration-Counsel's View  
Program: "Are You Ready to Settle Your Case; the Ins and Outs of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation and Arbitration"  
Sponsor: Northwest Suburban Bar Association  
Date: April, 1997

Topic: Cross examination - Challenging the Theory of Your Opponent's Case  
Program: "Trial Techniques - Getting a Case Ready; Getting a Verdict"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: November, 1996

Topic: Preparation of Your Case and Client for Arbitration - Counsel's View  
Program: "Settling Your Case In Court or Out - Everything You Need to Know and More"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: October, 1996

Topic: The Plaintiff's Perspective  
Program: "Mediation for Lawyers - How to Prepare Your Case, Yourself & Your Client to Mediate Successfully,"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: December, 1995

Topic: Maximizing Damages in the Typical Winnebago County Personal Injury Case  
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association Trial Section  
Date: June, 1994

Topic: Keeping ERISA's Subrogating Hands off Minors' Personal Injury Settlements  
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association Probate Section  
Date: May, 1994

Topic: Aggravation of Pre-Existing Injury/Condition  
Program: "Proven and Winning Ways in Personal Injury Cases"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: November, 1993

Topic: Public and Private Recreational Land Use  
Program: "Recreational Law Update"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: April, 1993

Topic: Motions in Limine  
Program: "Civil Litigation Seminar"  
Sponsor: Northwest Suburban Bar Association  
Date: March, 1993

Topic: Getting Witnesses to the Courthouse and Motions in Limine  
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association Trial Section  
Date: June, 1992

Topic: Motions in Limine  
Program: "Handling and Avoiding Common Trial and Settlement Problems"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: April, 1991

Topic: Jury Instructions  
Program: "Effective Trial Presentation"  
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association  
Date: November, 1988

**PANEL MEMBER  
AT CLE PROGRAMS**

Topic: Professionalism  
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association  
Date: May, 2011

Topic: Professionalism  
Sponsor: Northern Illinois University College of Law  
Date: April, 2008

Topic: Judicial Elections - Candidates' Right to Comment on Disputed Political Issues  
Sponsor: 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Rockford Register Star, Winnebago County Bar Assoc.  
Date: October, 2007

Topic: Training New Mediators  
Sponsor: Center for Analysis of Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems  
Date: October, 2000

Topic: Court Annexed Mediation  
Sponsor: Urbana County Judges and Bar Leaders  
Date: June, 1999

Topic: Court Annexed Mediation  
Sponsor: Kane County Judges and Bar Leaders  
Date: November, 1995

Topic: Court Annexed Mediation  
Sponsor: DuPage County Judges and Bar Leaders



Date: October, 1995

Topic: Court Annexed Mediation  
Sponsor: McLean County Judges and Bar Leaders  
Date: June, 1995

Topic: Training New Arbitrators  
Sponsor: 17th Judicial Circuit Court Arbitrator Training Program  
Date: January, 1995

## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT, AWARDS**

Greater Rockford Italian American Association  
Co-Chair, 2014 - present  
Chair, 2009 - 2013  
Co-Chair, 2004 - 2008  
Member, 1999 - present

Carpenter's Place  
Director  
2013 - present

Rockford Airfest  
Member, Steering Committee  
2011 - present

Recipient, Italian-American Man of the Year, Ethnic Heritage Museum, 2013

Veterans Drop-In Center  
formally known as, Rockford Advocacy Coalition for the Homeless  
President, 2010 - 2013  
Vice President, 2009 - 2010

American Red Cross, Rock River Chapter  
Homeless shelter volunteer  
1997 - 2009

Recipient, Dedicated Service Award, American Red Cross, Rock River Chapter, 2007

Festa Italiana  
Volunteer  
1988 - present