



Daniel V. O'Connor • Partner, Chicago Illinois

Chicago personal injury attorney Dan O'Connor is a founding partner of O'Connor & Nakos. A rolled-up sleeves attorney, Dan approaches his legal work in a competitive way – always on the attack, pursuing every advantage for his clients. Dan enjoys stepping into the ring to fight on behalf of his clients. Dan knows when injured victims or their family entrust their future to him, that he truly makes a difference in ensuring their future is secure.

During Dan's career, he has won over \$100 million in verdicts and settlements. The following are some of Dan's results:

- \$20,927,000 verdict for a construction negligence case involving an ironworker whose arm was amputated and surgically re-implanted,
- \$11,287,500 settlement for a sheet metal worker paralyzed when falling construction materials struck him at the waist,
- \$7,120,000 settlement for a female crane oilier who suffered the amputation of her arm,
- \$6,700,000 settlement in the wrongful death of an ironworker due to construction negligence,
- \$6,250,000 settlement for an ironworker injured in an auto collision
- \$5,000,000 settlement, the full limits of insurance, for a victim electrocuted at a construction site,
- \$5,000,000 settlement in wrongful death of an ironworker due to an electrocution,
- \$5,000,000 settlement for a carpenter who fell at work,
- \$3,090,000 verdict for painter who fractured his wrist falling from a scaffold,
- \$3,066,000 verdict in a 911 wrongful death case against the City of Chicago,
- \$3,000,000 settlement, the full limits of insurance, for an ironworker who suffered a fractured pelvis in a workplace fall,
- \$3,000,000 settlement for ironworker injured in crane collapse,
- \$2,000,000 settlement for mason who injured his shoulder.

Dan is currently handling many high profile personal injury cases including: an explosion of a home; several of the E-2 nightclub cases; a medical negligence case where a doctor operated on the wrong part of the body; and an industrial injury and product liability case where a young man had both of his arms cut off.

Dan's extensive experience as a trial attorney and excellent results have attained for him the following recognition:

- **Outstanding Lawyers of America**
- **Illinois Leading Lawyers** – recommended by peer attorneys
- **Illinois Super Lawyer** – top 5% of attorneys in Illinois
- **Top 100 Verdicts in the Country** – 2003
- **40 Under 40 in Illinois Lawyers** – Chicago Lawyer Magazine and Chicago Daily Law given to less than 1% of the state's practicing attorneys

Dan has been recognized by the Chicago Law Bulletin and Chicago Lawyer Magazine for consistently obtaining top settlements and verdicts. Dan's cases include matters of wrongful death, electrocution, construction negligence, products liability, medical and auto negligence and sexual harassment.

A devoted family man, Dan and his wife, Meredith, have five children. Dan coaches youth basketball and football and is an active member of the 40th Ward Regular Democratic Organization. He is on the Board of Managers for the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and a chairman of its Legislative Committee supporting candidates who fight for the rights of injured workers. Dan is a member of the American Association for Justice, Illinois State Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association. Dan regularly lectures on various litigation topics to members of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

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The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and Chicago Magazine's 40 Under 40 featured Dan in their 40 Under 40 quoting various attorneys who nominated Dan:

When you read Dan's nominator's comments, it is easy to understand how he achieves these results. Without exception, they all said he is a hard working, tireless advocate for his clients' interests, while never being uncivil toward a fellow attorney. His word is his bond. He is fair in all working relationships. A nominator added, "Despite the general adversarial nature of personal injury practice, Mr. O'Connor is unfailingly courteous, considerate of others, and fair in his working relationships. One rarely finds such an extraordinary combination of talent, good humor, genuine ability, and expertise, in someone so young." And another nominator said, "I was introduced to Dan five years ago when he was on the opposing side of a personal injury suit. Throughout the handling of the litigation, Dan exhibited a myriad of traits and qualities which clearly support the success he has achieved in the practice of law. Concisely stated, my response to encountering him on subsequent lawsuits was simple: Oh no!"

Areas of Practice:

- Wrongful Deaths
- Electrocutation
- Construction Negligence
- Products Liability
- Medical and Auto Negligence

Bar Admissions:

- Illinois, 1992
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, 1992

Education:

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois 1992
- Juris Doctor
- President – Student Bar Association, 1991-1992
- Loyola University of Chicago, 1989
Bachelor of Science in Biology

Classes/Seminars Taught:

- Lecturer, Areas of Pre-Trial Litigation, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

Honors and Awards:

- Outstanding Lawyers of America
- Illinois Super Lawyer – Top 5% of Attorneys in Illinois
- Illinois Leading Lawyer
- Top 100 Verdicts in the Country, 2003
- 40 Under 40 in Illinois Lawyers

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
- Board of Managers
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
- Chairman Legislative Committee
- Chicago Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice

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