

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Romanucci & Blandin, LLC

Partner / Attorney at Law providing clients with experienced and technically advanced legal representation and trial preparation in catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death and workers' compensation cases. Experience consists of:

- Negotiating with Adjusters and Respondent Attorneys to settle Workers' Compensation claims;
- Trying Workers' Compensation claims before Arbitrators of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission;
- Arguing Reviews before Commissioners of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission;
- Deposing doctors and other potential witnesses; and
- Managing attorneys, law clerks and other staff.

**Romanucci & Blandin LLC** – Chicago, IL

2007 - Present

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### PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Responsible for litigating major personal injury and workers' compensation claims.

2001 - Present

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### LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Fenwick High School Bar Association, Board of Directors	2011 - Present
Illinois Bar Foundation, Silver Fellow	2008 - Present
Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), Board of Governors	2008 - 2014
ISBA, General Assembly	2006 - 2008
ISBA, Workers' Compensation Law Section Council	2007 - 2009
ISBA, Board Liaison, Workers' Compensation Law Section Council	2009 - 2014
ISBA, Board Liaison, Environmental Law Section Council	2008 - 2010
ISBA, Board Liaison, Federal Taxation Section Council	2008 - 2014
ISBA, Board Liaison, Intellectual Property Section Council	2011 - 2012
ISBA, Co-Board Liaison, Young Lawyers Division Council	2008 - 2009
ISBA, Board Liaison, Standing Committee on Mentoring	2010 - 2011
ISBA, Board Liaison, Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education	2012 - 2013
ISBA, Board Liaison, Standing Committee on Law Office Management & Economics	2013 - 2014
Justinian Society of Lawyers, President	2016 - 2017
Justinian Society of Lawyers, Executive Committee	2009 - Present
Justinian Society Endowment Fund, Treasurer	2012 - Present
Workers' Compensation Law Association, President	2013
Workers' Compensation Law Association, Board of Directors	2008 - 2014
Workers' Compensation Law Association, Comptroller	2015 - Present

**EDUCATION**

J.D., DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL	2000
B.S., Commerce, Accounting, DePaul University, Chicago, IL	1997

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**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Illinois	2000
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois	2000
Minnesota	2001
District of Columbia	2001

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**OTHER PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

Illinois Certified Public Accountant	August, 1998
Registered Investment Advisor	September, 2003

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**AWARDS/HONORS**

Named an Illinois Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers for the year	2016
Named an Emerging Lawyer by Law Bulletin Publishing Company's Leading Lawyers Division	2015 – 2016
Named an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers for the years	2010 – 2015
Named one of 40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch by Law Bulletin Publishing Company	2012
AVVO Top Rating 10/10	2015

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**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Trauma Symposium, *Workers' Compensation: How the New Act Affects Physicians*, The Palmer House, Chicago, IL, August 2, 2012

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**PUBLICATIONS**

*"Odd-Lot" permanent total disability award affirmed*, Vol. 45, No. 1, September 2007, Illinois State Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Law Newsletter  
*Statute of Limitations*, 2008-2015, ITLA Worker's Compensation Lawyer's Notebook

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**APPOINTMENTS**

In 2015, appointed to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC) Rules Committee by Chairman Joann Fratianni

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL PARTICIPATION**

American Association for Justice (AAJ)  
American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants (AAA-CPA)  
American Bar Association (ABA)  
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)  
Chicago Bar Association (CBA)  
Chicago Council of Lawyers (CCL)  
DePaul University Alumnus  
DePaul University College of Law Alumnus  
Fenwick Bar Association (FBA)  
Fenwick High School Alumnus  
Illinois CPA Society & Foundation (ILCPA)  
Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF)  
Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA)  
Illinois Trial Lawyers' Association (ITLA)  
Justinian Society of Lawyers  
National Italian American Bar Association (NIABA)  
National Italian-American Foundation (NIAF)  
Public Justice  
Women's Bar Association of Illinois (WBAI)  
Workers' Compensation Lawyer's Association (WCLA)  
Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group (WILG)

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**CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Synapse House, Board of Directors

2016 - Present

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**INTERESTS**

Hockey, golf, fine dining, reading, and wine tasting.

