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Experienced Corporate Lawyers

Power & Cronin is a full-service litigation law firm with a thriving practice throughout the state of Illinois and surrounding states. With roots in DuPage County extending back several decades, the firm has grown to become one of the largest independent litigation firms in the area.

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WORKERS COMPENSATION DEFENSE

The attorneys of Power & Cronin, Ltd. represent and defend employers, insurance companies, third-party administrators, self-insured/self-administered companies, public and private risk management pools and municipalities in Workers' Compensation cases.

Our representation of employers includes assisting in the initial investigation of injuries prior to the commencement of legal proceedings, as well as the representation of our clients at all stages of the litigation processes from Arbitration before the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission to the Supreme Court of Illinois. Due to the extensive nature of our Workers' Compensation defense practice, our lawyers travel statewide to represent our clients.

In an effort to provide our clients with the best possible legal representation, our lawyers conduct extensive medical research in order to identify and understand the medical issues involved in each case. We utilize medical libraries, textbooks, scientific literature and state of the art computer-based medical research. In addition, our attorneys meet in person with medical experts and observe surgical procedures. These experiences aid in developing litigation strategies and witness cross-examination.

BUSINESS LAW

Representation in many areas of business law.

OTHER AREAS OF PRACTICE

INSURANCE

Representation of businesses in insurance cases.

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Representation in employment and labor.

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Strategic advising and legal consulting.

SPORTS LAW

Representation in sports contract negotiations.

TOUGHEST DEFENSE LAWYERS FOR YOUR MONEY

The attorneys at Power & Cronin are recognized leaders in the legal and civic community. Our firm has an extensive statewide practice in the areas of workers' compensation, insurance defense, employment defense, municipal law, professional liability and general civil litigation matters, as well as strategic advising and legal consulting.

Our individual attorneys bring to the table a wide variety of specific skills and talents in the legal field. Our goal as a firm is to bring together the individual assets of the group members to forge a powerful legal team, well suited to meet the needs of insurance, corporate, municipal and individual clients. With an impressive cumulative resume of complex jury trials, practice before the Workers' Compensation Commission, oral arguments before the Appellate Court, and municipal and corporate representation, our team stands ready to serve the needs of our clients in every venue, with the focused, personal attention that has become our trademark.

Power & Cronin offers a competitive rate structure for services, and follows up by working hard to demonstrate our value and to earn the trust of our clients. More importantly, we encourage our clients to be actively involved in case management, and to take a pro-active approach to legal issues, in order to reduce client costs.

SIGNIFICANT WINS



BROOKS V. KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT #111

Congratulations to IPRF and Jeff Redick for successfully defending a denial of benefits by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission before the Circuit Court of Kankakee County in the matter of Brooks v. Kankakee School District #111. The case involved a Cafeteria Supervisor that alleged to have sustained injuries to her wrist, elbow, shoulder, ankle, knee and hip from a fall in a snowy parking lot when leaving work. The Respondent successfully argued that the fall did not arise out of and in the course of her employment with the Respondent. The Court agreed that the claimant's fall in a parking lot neither owned nor maintained by the employer did not constitute a compensable accident.

HEDMAN V. CITY OF ELMHURST

Congratulations to Dan Artman and the City of Elmhurst for their successful defense of a rebuttable presumption cardiac claim. This case involved a firefighter diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Due to the risk of sudden death should Petitioner be exposed to excessive physical stress, it was recommended by his treating physician that he no longer work as a firefighter. Petitioner claimed that his condition was caused by his work as a firefighter and argued that the rebuttable presumption applied to his claim. The City obtained an opinion from Dr. Richard Carroll that Petitioner's condition is not causally related to his work for the City. In addition, the City relied upon opinions from Drs. McDonough and Samo, experts who testified in claimant's pension case, who agreed with Dr. Carroll on the issue of causation. In addition, the City argued that Petitioner did not suffer an actual accident because he did not suffer any injury resulting from his condition while working. Arbitrator Friedman ruled that the City rebutted the presumption and that Petitioner's condition was not causally related to his work for the City. All benefits were denied in a case with six-figure exposure.

WIN BEFORE THE FEDERAL COURT OF APPEALS

Congratulations to Jared Vasiliauskas for his win before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in a Title XII discrimination case. Jared was able to successfully argue that a Summary Judgment from the District Court was inappropriately granted. The Seventh Circuit reversed the District Court order and remanded the case for a hearing on the merits.

MCELROY V. VILLAGE OF HINSDALE

Congratulations to the IRMA and John Fassola for their successful defense of a claim before Arbitrator Christine Ory in McElroy v. Village of Hinsdale. The claimant was a police officer who dislocated his shoulder while on duty. The claim was disputed based on a contention that the activity the claimant was performing on the date of the occurrence (reaching up to press a garage door opener) did not represent an increased risk incidental to the employment. The defense also noted that the claimant had a prior history of recurrent shoulder dislocations, one as recently as three months prior due to a skiing accident. The Arbitrator agreed that claimant failed to prove that his injuries arose out of his employment, and therefore, denied all benefits, including the cost of surgery, temporary total disability benefits, and permanency.

RAPP V. FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Congratulations to Ford Motor Company and Kirk Kuhns for obtaining a favorable decision from Arbitrator Soto in Rapp v. Ford Motor Company. The case was a repetitive trauma/accident claim by an assembling worker alleging a shoulder injury that was denied and fully disputed. Petitioner alleged her injury was due to a tool gun over torqueing, being heavier than usual, kicking back toward her or the cumulative nature of utilizing the tool gun during her employment. Respondent provided witnesses to directly dispute and contradict Petitioner's testimony. Respondent's Section 12 examining doctor provided an opinion that Petitioner's shoulder condition was not causally related to her employment. The Arbitrator found that Petitioner failed to prove an accident or that her shoulder condition was related to her employment.

OUR PARTNERS



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Daniel J. Cronin concentrates in workers' compensation, general litigation, strategic advising and legal consulting. Mr. Cronin has experience as a litigator and negotiator for public and private organizations, not for profit, as well as large and small employers.

Mr. Cronin began his legal career as a Staff Attorney and Legal Counsel in the Illinois House of Representative Minority Leader's Office from 1985 to 1987. Mr. Cronin practiced as an Assistant State's Attorney in the DuPage State's Attorney's Office from 1987 through 1989, where he obtained significant trial experience as a misdemeanor and felony prosecutor. Mr. Cronin then practiced law at Cronin & Ruggiero from 1991 until 1993, focusing on criminal law, family law, and real estate. In 1993, Mr. Cronin joined Power & Cronin, where he practices today.

Mr. Cronin has enjoyed a distinguished career in public service and elective office, beginning as a State Representative in the Illinois General Assembly in 1991 through 1993. He served as an Illinois State Senator from 1993 through 2010 and served as Chairman of the Senate Education Committee from 1993 through 2002. While serving as a State Senator, Mr. Cronin also served on the Commerce and Industry Committee and the State Government Committee. Since 2010, Mr. Cronin has served as Chairman of the DuPage County Board. Throughout Mr. Cronin's career in public office, he has demonstrated a record of reform and bipartisanship.

While serving in the Illinois General Assembly for nearly 20 years, Mr. Cronin provided effective leadership. A few of his many accomplishments include: Chicago School Reform of 1995, Charter Schools, Mandate Waivers, "Baby Richard" Adoption Reform Law, School Choice and Tuition Tax Credits, Road Construction and Capital Programs, RTA Reform and Restructure, Workers' Compensation Reform, and Tort Reform.

Since Mr. Cronin took on the responsibilities of Chairman of the DuPage County Board in December 2010, he has redefined that mission, seeking to achieve more accountability to taxpayers through his ACT Initiative: Accountability, Consolidation and Transparency. Mr. Cronin maintains his duties and responsibilities as a full time county board chairman and a part-time lawyer.



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