



# STARR M. RAYFORD

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation & Risk Management
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Product Liability
  - Business Torts

### RECOGNITION

- 2016-2019 Emerging Lawyer™ in Personal Injury Defense and Products Liability Defense (Law Bulletin Publishing)
- 2018 SuperLawyers™ Rising Star in Personal Injury Defense (Thompson Reuters)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Illinois Cannabis Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois
  - Founder & Chair, WBAI Leadership Institute (2015-2017)

Starr M. Rayford is an experienced litigator representing clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts, administrative agencies, and arbitration forums. She has spent her career developing effective litigation strategies for both trial and settlement, representing a diverse array of public and privately-held businesses, as well as hospitals, healthcare professionals, commercial lenders, and individuals through all aspects of litigation.

Starr has successfully defended clients against breach of contract, negligence, wrongful death, and product liability claims, as well as claims under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the False Claims Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Through her transactional work, Starr has guided clients through bankruptcy, drafted contracts, formed a variety of business entities, and helped clients ensure corporate compliance. Her most recent focus has been on advising companies that are exploring and operating in the emerging cannabis market.

As an adjunct professor in Trial Advocacy for Notre Dame Law School, Starr has had the honor of teaching the next generation of lawyers how to identify and evaluate alternatives for achieving client goals, develop and implement trial and settlement strategies, and deflect or redirect those strategies as the facts of case develops. As an active member of Chicago's legal community, she holds a deep dedication to public service and maintains a robust pro bono practice to help ensure that the most vulnerable members of society receive premier legal assistance.