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Admitted to the National Academy of Arbitrators
Chicago Minneapolis Seattle Tucson

Clauss ADR. Inc.

2004–present

Professional neutral concentrating in the arbitration and mediation of labor, employment, and commercial disputes. More than a thousand arbitration decisions issued and hundreds of matters resolved in mediation and mediation-arbitration.

Arbitration and Mediation roster memberships:

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, American Arbitration Association (labor, employment, and commercial), National Mediation Board, National Railroad Adjustment Board, Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Labor Relations Board, Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, and Washington State Public Employment Relations Commission Law Enforcement Arbitration Roster.

Numerous permanent arbitration and mediation panels include:

AFSCME and State of Illinois, Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Teachers Union (tenured teacher dismissal, grievance, and discipline mediation-arbitration), Chicago Public Schools and SEIU, Chicago Police Department and Various Unions, Cook County Sheriff and FOP Labor Council, Cook County Sheriff and Teamsters, Lake County Sheriff and Teamsters, SEIU and Cook County, State of Illinois and various unions, Southwest Airlines and TWU, Mid-America Regional Bargaining Association and Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, National Treasury Employees Union and Internal Revenue Service, among others.

Frequent continuing legal education presenter at local, national, and international venues. Frequently published with more than twenty books, guides, chapters, and articles.

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

2020 to present

Co-developer of Dispute Resolution concentration of Masters in Legal Studies program. Developed and teach Introduction to Dispute Resolution and Arbitration courses.

Interim Director of Veterans Legal Clinic and Clinical Professor. Invited to serve as supervisor and instructor of law school legal clinic for spring 2020 semester.

The University of Illinois John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic, 2007-2018

Executive Director and co-founder of legal clinic providing pro bono assistance to hundreds of veterans in VA benefits appeals and discharge upgrade appeals. Scholarship concentrations include the Uniformed Servicemember Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and access to services for rural veterans.

Significant experience in teaching, presentations, online teaching, publishing, fundraising, and media presence.

***Cook County State's Attorney
1990-2004***

Labor and Employment Unit: Represented Cook County in labor arbitration and employment litigation before the Employee Appeals Board, Sheriff's Merit Board, Administrative Review, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Illinois Department of Human Rights, and Illinois Labor Relations Board. Defended Title VII, FMLA, Section 1983 and ADA discrimination cases in Federal Court.

Criminal Division: Prosecuted felonies in trial courts, Illinois Appellate Court and the Illinois Supreme Court. Substantial motion, bench trial, jury trial, and appellate experience.

***R.S. Owens & Company, Inc.
1986-1987***

Industrial Mechanic: Installed and maintained production machinery and equipment for nation's leading producer of awards, including the Oscar, Emmy, MTV, and Motor Trend awards.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Academy of Arbitrators – various committees

National Association of Railroad Referees

Labor and Employment Relations Association

Chicago Chapter - Board of Directors

Arizona Chapter – Board of Directors

Illinois Attorney General's Advisory Committee on Veterans Legislation

Chicago Bar Association

Military Affairs Committee

Illinois State Bar Association

American Bar Association

North Suburban Bar Association-Board of Directors

Decalogue Society

Consortium of Law School Veterans Clinics - Board of Directors

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center - Board member
Chicago, Illinois 2020-present
The John Marshall Law School Alumni Board
Chicago, Illinois 2017-2019
Lutheran General Hospital Oncology Advisory Board
Park Ridge, Illinois 2011 - 2016
Lake Forest College Alumni Board
Career Advancement Committee 2009 - 2016
Illinois ESGR
Executive Committee 2006 - 2008
Park Ridge Police and Fire Commission
Commissioner 2004 – 2007
Hephzibah Children’s Organization
Board of Directors 1997-1999

LANGUAGES

German

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Illinois Supreme Court
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
Federal Trial Bar

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, Juris Doctorate, 1990
Lake Forest College, Bachelor of Arts, 1986

TEACHING

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
Becoming a Labor Arbitrator 2020 - present
University of Arizona Rogers School of Law 2020 - present
University of Illinois John Marshall Law School 2008 – 2018
American Arbitration Association 2011 – present
Labor Arbitration Institute 2015 - present
Triton College 2005 - 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Guides

Best Practices Guide for Conducting Video Arbitrations,
National Academy of Arbitrators (with Pilar Vaile) (2021)

Military Service and the Law, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education

(General Editor with Professor John Erbes)(2018)

Servicemembers and Veterans Rights, Lexis Nexis (2012 through 2017 editions) (General Editor with Professor Stacey Rae Simcox)

Military Service and the Law, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2009)
(General Editor with Professor Joseph Butler)

Chapters

Uniformed Servicemembers Employment and Reemployment Rights Act in
Servicemembers and Veterans Rights, (2017)
(Chapter co-author with Professor Marci Karin)

Employment Rights in *The American Bar Association Legal Guide for Military Families*,
Random House, (2013)

The Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act in *Servicemembers and Veterans Rights*, Lexis Nexis (2012 – 2016 editions)

Public Sector Employees in *The Labor Law Handbook* (with Steven Bierig, Michelle Camden and Jeanne Wood), Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2009)

Called to Duty – Military Activation and the Impact on Labor Relations in *Proceedings of the 2008 Meeting of the National Academy of Arbitrators*, Bureau of National Affairs (2009)

Off Duty Conduct in *Preventing and Managing Workplace Violence: Legal and Strategic Guidelines* (with Steve Beirig and Michelle Camden), American Bar Association (2008)

Law Review and Peer Reviewed

Pandemic and the Dispute Resolution Practice of a Neutral Arbitrator and Mediator
Dispute Resolution Quarterly, (Summer 2025)(with Andrea Stulgies-Clauss)

Protecting Civilian Employment and Providing Healthcare to the Citizen Soldier, University of Memphis Law Review, Vol. 45, No. 4 (Summer 2015)

Alone in the Wilderness – Reserve Component Service and the Rural Veteran's Increased Risk of Homelessness, Journal of Law in Society, Vol. 13 (Winter 2012)

Reports

Elevating Your Arbitration Practice: Report on the 2023 SWR-NAA Best Practices Survey, (with Danielle L. Hargrove, Pilar Vaile, Brian Clauss, and Andrea Stulgies-Clauss) February 2024

Articles

Mediation-Arbitration, Expedited hearings, and Consolidated Claims, Arizona Bar Association ADR quarterly. (2023)

Employees Called to Duty – the Employment and Re-Employment Rights of Our Returning Illinois National Guard Members (with Jeanne Charles Wood), Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2009)

When Employees are Called to Duty (with Joseph Butler), Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Volume 154, No. 215 (October 31, 2008)

National Guard and Reserve Activation and Return – The Current and Coming Issues in Labor Arbitration, The Chronicle (National Academy of Arbitrators) (September 2008)

Called to Duty in the National Guard and Reserve – an Overview of Federal and Illinois Laws (with Margaret Riley Thomas and Lyndsey Kimber), Illinois Municipal Review Vol. 81 No. 3 (February 2008)

"Off-Duty Conduct" in *Managing Workplace Violence* (with Steven M. Bierig and Michelle Camden), American Bar Association (2008)

Called to Duty – Advising Your Client, The Young Lawyer (January 2007)

Employees Called to Military Duty – an Overview of Military Leave and the Service Member's Rights (with James Capparelli and Lyndsey Kimber), Illinois State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Newsletter, Vol. 44 No. 5 (December 2006)

Res Judicata Implications of Police and Fire Commission Hearings (with Michelle Camden), Illinois State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Newsletter, Vol. 44 No. 3 (September 2006)

"Public Employees" in *The Labor Law Handbook* (with Steven M. Bierig and Michelle Camden), Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (Supp. 2006)

Employees Called to Duty in the National Guard and Reserve – an Overview of the Applicable Federal and Illinois Laws, State Universities Civil Service System (Summer 2006)

PRESENTATIONS OF NOTE

International

AI and the Future of American Dispute Resolution

Wagner Arbitration, Berlin, Germany, March 2025

Establishing a Dispute Resolution Practice (Plenary Presentation)

ADR British Columbia Annual Conference, Vancouver, June 2024

Law School ADR Concentration - Perspective and Discussion

Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai, India, December 2020

Careers in Alternative Dispute Resolution,

UiTM School of Law, Shah Alam, Malaysia. July 2020

Vertrauen und Trauma: Eine Beziehung Aufbauen,

Wagner Arbitration, Berlin, Germany. November 2017

If Not Me, Then Who and If Not Now, Then When: Why Pro Bono?

Sumpah Pemuda School of Law, Palembang, Indonesia. October 2017

Diverse Approaches to Dispute Resolution and Avoiding Cultural Assumptions

UiTM School of Law, Shah Alam, Malaysia. October 2017

North America

Building a Dispute Resolution Practice

National Academy of Arbitrators Southwest Region Annual Meeting, Dallas, 2025

Mediation – Arbitration: Application to Labor Management Relationships

Illinois Annual Public Sector Labor Law Conference, Chicago, 2024

Establishing and Growing Your Dispute Resolution Practice

National Academy of Arbitrators Central Region “Shop Talk Series” 2024

Elevating Your Arbitration Practice

National Academy of Arbitrators Southwest Region Annual Meeting, Dallas, 2024

Interest Arbitration: Overview, Best Practices, Trends, and the Future

Illinois Public Sector Labor Law Conference, Chicago 2023

Med – Arb Procedures for Effective Dispute Resolution

46th Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Conference, Seattle, 2023

Just Cause or Just Because: The Just Cause Standard

Federal Mediation and Conciliation and Service 2020 National Conference

Effective Use of Online Assistants in Video Arbitration Hearings

National Academy of Arbitrators Online Continuing Education Series, August 2020
(with Silvia Stratek and Elishiva Patterson)

Post Traumatic Stress and the Railroads

A three-part series during the Annual Conference of the National Association of Railroad Referees 2016-2018.

Access to Justice in Rural Communities

Consortium of Law School Veteran Clinics Conference, Washington D.C., 2018

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Veterans & Family Law,

Domestic Relations Division Child Representative Seminar,
Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago. Illinois, 2017

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Experiential Learning and a State Agency Internship,

Illinois Commission on Human Rights, Chicago, Illinois, 2017

Veterans as Students,

Law School Admissions Counselors Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, California, 2017

Uniformed Servicemembers Employment & Reemployment Rights Act,

14th Annual Employee Benefits Symposium, Chicago, Illinois, 2017

Veterans, National Guard, & Reserve in the Workforce – Issues for Labor and Management,

40th Annual Collective Bargaining & Arbitration Conference, Seattle, Washington, 2017