

MICHAEL A. DOORNWEERD, Partner

Michael Doornweerd is a Co-Chair of the firm's Complex Commercial Litigation practice. He focuses his practice on the defense and aerospace industry, with an emphasis on aviation disputes. Mr. Doornweerd has litigated to verdict or final award approximately 20 trials and arbitrations in the aviation industry, including breach of contract, business torts, trade secret and antitrust matters. He has led the successful resolution of dozens of other matters without the need for a trial. In addition to his broad range of experience handling trial, pre-trial and post-trial proceedings in state and federal courts, he has extensive experience in domestic and international alternative resolution forums. Mr. Doornweerd is a member of the Complex Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration and Aviation and Aerospace practices.

Mr. Doornweerd has an active pro bono practice and has successfully represented clients at the federal appellate and trial level. He has been recognized by the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois with an Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service, and has served on the American Arbitration Association's Large and Complex Case Committee.

Awards

- US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service - 2010
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*
Business Litigation - 2013, 2015

Community

- Wellness House
Volunteer

Service To The Bar

- American Bar Association

Publications

- Co-Author, "Is Arbitration Still Worth It?" *Defense Online* and *Defense Contracts Online*, September 30, 2019
- "Strategies For Controlling Discovery Costs in Commercial Arbitration," *Commercial & Business Litigation*, American Bar Association, August 29, 2011
- *ERISA Litigation Handbook*, April 2, 2010



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Aviation and Aerospace
Complex Commercial Litigation
ERISA Litigation
International Arbitration
Litigation

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., 1995; *cum laude*; Member of School of Law's National Moot Court Team; Editorial Board, *Northwestern University Law Review*

Kalamazoo College, B.A., 1992; *cum laude*, with honors, Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 1996

COURT ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2000

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1997

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2007

U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2001

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1996

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois, 2000

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar), 2008

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado,
2007

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Cornelia G. Kennedy, U.S. Court of
Appeals, Sixth Circuit 1995 - 1996
(Clerkship)