



## Reid Smith

Partner

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**Reid focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and has a broad range of experience in federal, state, and appellate disputes. He has extensive experience managing class action, multidistrict, and other high-stakes commercial litigation.**

Reid has a track record of obtaining dismissals and favorable judgments and has been a member of several trial teams. He has represented clients in a wide variety of industries, including agribusiness, pharmaceuticals, technology services, financial services, and insurance.

Reid is valued by clients for his vigorous pre-trial case management, positioning cases for favorable resolution through strategic discovery and critical motion practice while also preparing cases for trial. Reid has experience briefing critical motions at the trial court level and has also briefed disputes at every level of federal and state appellate court. He has also argued critical motions, including several successful arguments on case-dispositive motions and one argument in favor of class certification.

## Key Matters

Reid's recent representative experience includes the following:

- Currently representing a multinational food processing and commodities trading company facing multiple class action lawsuits in federal court alleging that the company's trading in ethanol futures violated the Commodity Exchange and Sherman Act, as well as other state law claims.
- Currently serving as national counsel for a pharmaceutical company facing over 800 products liability lawsuits pending across the country involving the manufacture of opioid medications.
- Represented a food ingredient manufacturer in a class action case in federal court alleging that the company's equine produces were contaminated with a product poisonous to horses.
- Recently went to trial in federal court representing a multinational pharmaceutical company in connection with pharmaceutical patent infringement litigation.
- Successfully argued in favor of certification of a class of all current and future prisoners incarcerated the Illinois Department of Corrections related to due process and cruel and unusual punishment claims.
- Represented a major technology company in a breach of contract case in which the opposing party sought hundreds of millions of dollars in damages.

## Recent Experience

Winston Represents Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA in Opiate MDL and State Court Cases

## Recognitions

- Recognized as a "Key Lawyer" in *The Legal 500 US*, Dispute Resolution: Product Liability, Mass Tort and Class Action – Defense: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, 2022–2024
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2021–2023
- Recognized in *Lawdragon's* "500 X – The Next Generation," 2023

In 2015, Winston was named the "Chicago Litigation Department of the Year" for general litigation by *The National Law Journal*.

## Activities

Reid devotes a substantial amount of his time to his pro bono practice. Before beginning his legal career at Winston, Reid worked with the Family Defense Center (now Ascend Justice) on a fellowship through the Public Interest Law Initiative. Reid assisted Ascend Justice in their advocacy of families who have been wrongfully threatened with losing their child in the child welfare system. Reid continues his work with Ascend Justice through Winston's pro bono program, and he also serves on the organization's Young Professionals Board.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Reid received his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 2014, where he served as production editor for the *Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy*. He received his B.A. in history and political science with High Distinction from Indiana University in 2011.

## ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

## Related Insights & News

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### RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2024

JUNE 12, 2024

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### RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Featured on *Lawdragon's* Inaugural 500 X – The Next Generation List

JULY 7, 2023

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### RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2023

JUNE 7, 2023

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### PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Names 19 New Partners

DECEMBER 6, 2022

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### BLOG

Chicago Litigators Spend an Afternoon Giving Back to the Community

OCTOBER 14, 2022

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### BLOG

SCOTUS May Weigh in—Class Members and Article III Standing

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2023

AUGUST 18, 2022

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### RECOGNITIONS

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JUNE 8, 2022

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### BLOG

## Summary of Federal Court Decisions in Class Cases in Advance of Supreme Court Argument on the Federal COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

JANUARY 4, 2022

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2022

AUGUST 19, 2021

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### IN THE MEDIA

Fed. Judge Certifies Class in Solitary Confinement Suit Against IDOC

JUNE 23, 2021

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### PRO BONO IN ACTION

Federal Court Certifies Class in Lawsuit Challenging Excessive Solitary Confinement in Illinois Prisons

JUNE 16, 2021

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## Capabilities

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Litigation/Trials

Public Companies