



Government

Hinshaw has substantial experience with federal, state, county and local governmental activities and policymaking. Our Government and Administrative Affairs Practice attorneys have a unique understanding of government as the core of their career experience is derived from high-level government service. Hinshaw's attorneys have served as U.S. Attorneys, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, State's Attorneys and counsel to federal and state agencies and members of government, including as Chief Legal Counsel to former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar.

Additionally, we have served as Deputy Governor of Illinois, legal counsel to the Illinois House Republican staff, Chief Counsel for the Illinois Department of Transportation, Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Acting Director of the Illinois Division of Aeronautics, Administrator of the Illinois Gaming Board, and on various state and local task forces.

Hinshaw's attorneys serve as Special Assistant Attorneys General, Special Assistant State's Attorneys and Special Assistant Corporation Counsel. We have also served as hearing officers with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Capital Development Board and the Illinois Commerce Commission. Our attorneys include a former administrative law judge for the Illinois Department of Public Health and legal advisor to the Deputy Clerk of the Illinois Court of Claims. The insights obtained through this experience enable Hinshaw's Government and Administrative Affairs team to determine the most effective representation strategy for their clients.

Hinshaw is highly experienced in all aspects of local government organization and operations, including general and bond elections, election contests, conflict of interest laws applicable to local government officers and contracts, annexations, budgets and appropriations, meeting requirements and parliamentary procedure, and publication requirements for legal notices. We have worked with Illinois bonding authorities, pension funds, state police, Department of Corrections, the Criminal Justice Information Authority, Police Training Board, the Industrial Commission and the Illinois Gaming Board.

For municipal clients, we provide counsel on environmental issues and legislative advocacy services, including drafting legislation, lobbying before governmental entities, working with legislatures in promoting legislative changes and securing government funding assistance. We also have broad experience in both federal and state courts defending municipalities, police officers, cities, counties, and elected and appointed employees and officials against charges of civil rights violations.

Our attorneys publish and lecture extensively on all aspects of governmental law, authoring the treatise "Illinois Municipal Tort Liability," a publication often

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cited by federal courts and the Illinois Supreme Court, which focuses on liability issues facing units of government and public officials in state and federal litigation.

We represent companies before all levels of government, and have significant experience in handling bid protests, claims and defective pricing litigation in the federal courts. Hinshaw has assisted major defense contractors in preparing voluntary disclosures to federal agencies, including the FBI, Office of Inspector General and the U.S. Department of Defense, and has represented several companies in handling whistleblower claims and *qui tam* actions.

News

On the Political Power Hour Show: Tom Kuzmanovic Discusses International Legal Implications in Gaza and Ukraine and Developments in Trump Classified Documents Case

March 26, 2024

Hinshaw Partner Catherine Basque Weiler Elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

March 11, 2024

Three Hinshaw Partners Selected to Crain's Chicago 2024 Notable Women in Law

February 20, 2024

Esther Seitz Co-authors FOIA Chapter in the 2024 Edition of the "Sunshine Laws" IICLE Handbook

February 19, 2024

Experienced Litigator Michele Hale DeShazo Joins Hinshaw in New Orleans January 22, 2024

Hinshaw Elects Eleven New Partners in Seven Offices January 2, 2024

Hinshaw Recognized as "Distinguished in Litigation" in BTI Consulting's Litigation Outlook 2024 Survey

November 16, 2023

Kim Jansen Discusses Top Illinois Case Decisions of the First Half of 2023 July 21, 2023

Vincent Rizzo Appointed Vice President of the LAGBAC Executive Board March 30, 2023

Experienced Energy Lawyer Added to the Hinshaw Team in New Orleans March 23, 2023

Hinshaw Partner Joshua Vincent Named to Crain's Chicago Business 2023 Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys March 13, 2023

Experienced Environmental Trial Lawyer and ESG Advisor Joins Hinshaw & Culbertson in New Orleans
January 30, 2023

Michael C. Stephenson

David Vogt

Robert E. Wagner

Matthew P. Walsh II

Catherine Basque Weiler

Kenneth E. Yeadon

Brian R. Zeeck

Related Services

Civil Rights and Constitutional Litigation

Government Contracts and Procurement

Municipal and Licensing

Related Industries

Aviation & Aerospace

Education

Energy

Gaming



Bessie Daschbach Discusses the Outlook for ESG

January 17, 2023

Gretchen Harris Sperry Discusses Illinois Supreme Court Case Regarding Liability Over Drug Manufacturers" Warning Labels

January 5, 2023

Vincent Rizzo Discusses LGBTQ+ Issues in the Workplace Along With Title VII Compliance on IPELRA Podcast November 23, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Vincent Rizzo Named to 2022 Chicago Daily Law Bulletin 40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch November 3, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Charles R. Schmadeke Re-Appointed as Chair of the Illinois Gaming Board September 23, 2022

Hinshaw Partners Diane Webster and Gretchen Harris Sperry Named to Crain's Chicago 2022 Notable Women in Law September 7, 2022

Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch August 18, 2022

Brian McGrath Appears on CBS New York as Governor Hochul Mulls Whether to Sign New York Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act

August 2, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Jorge Cazares Named to Negocios Now's "Who's Who in Hispanic Chicago Business-2022" July 26, 2022

Gretchen Harris Sperry Discusses Some of the Biggest Illinois Court Decisions in 2022 July 25, 2022

Gretchen Harris Sperry Quoted in Several Law360 Articles on the Upcoming Illinois Supreme Court Election and Newly Redrawn Judicial Districts

June 27, 2022

Hinshaw Announces Selection of Vincent Rizzo and Jessica Turner to 2022 Fellowship Class and Pathfinder Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

March 23, 2022

Gretchen Harris Sperry Discusses Key Illinois Appellate Law Developments With Law360 January 31, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Gretchen Harris Sperry Named to Crain's Chicago Business' 2021 Notable Gen X Leaders November 22, 2021

Hinshaw Recognized in 2022 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory November 4, 2021

Hinshaw Adds Experienced Litigation Partner in Baton Rouge September 27, 2021

Hinshaw Partner Vincent Rizzo Named to Crain's Chicago Business' Notable LGBTQ Executives August 9, 2021

Hinshaw Expands Government Practice Group With Experienced Partner in Chicago July 27, 2021



Hinshaw Partner Vaishali Rao Appointed to Chicago Zoning Board of Appeals April 26, 2021

Trial Spotlight: Complete Victory Achieved on Behalf of Petitioner in Challenge to "Revised" Building Permits for Oceanfront Property in Florida's Sugarloaf Key

March 25, 2021

Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Discusses Impact of COVID-19 on Derek Chauvin Murder Trial with ABC News March 24, 2021

Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein Discusses George Floyd Murder Trial with Law360 and AP March 9, 2021

Kimco Realty Corp. Law Firm Partnership Project Selected Among Finalists for ALM Industry Awards in Best Provider Collaboration Category

January 13, 2021

Hinshaw's Conrad Nowak Selected Among Crain's Chicago 2020 Notable Veteran Executives November 11, 2020

Robert Shannon Discusses Cook County Jail COVID-19 Lawsuit on Chicago Tonight July 28, 2020

Vincent Rizzo Addresses Potential Impact for Employers Following Landmark Ruling on LGBTQ Rights from SCOTUS July 1, 2020

David S. Weinstein Comments in Law360 on Prosecution Tactics in George Floyd Murder Case June 8, 2020

Civil and Commercial Litigator Ira Gonzalez Joins Hinshaw as a Partner in Miami February 27, 2020

Hinshaw Bolsters Government and Administrative Affairs Practice with Seasoned Litigator in Chicago February 26, 2020

David S. Weinstein Discusses FCPA Enforcement Updates in Compliance Weekly Magazine January 21, 2020

Esther Seitz Appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to Serve on the ARDC Review Board December 10, 2019

Hinshaw's Vincent Rizzo Appointed as Secretary of the LAGBAC Executive Board October 23, 2019

Vincent Rizzo Discusses LGBTQ Title VII Cases Currently Before SCOTUS in Business Insurance Magazine October 11, 2019

Chicago Lawyer Names Hinshaw Partner Vaishali Rao Among 40 Attorneys Under 40 to Watch September 24, 2019

Hinshaw Partner Douglas Henning Profiled in Law360 August 21, 2019

Media Coverage of Chip Schmadeke's Appointment as Chair of the Illinois Gaming Board August 12, 2019

Former Deputy General Counsel of the Chicago Board of Education Joins Hinshaw August 5, 2019



Hinshaw Partner Charles R. Schmadeke Appointed Chair of the Illinois Gaming Board July 31, 2019

Vaishali Rao Reviews Operational Lessons Provided by the CFPB's Application of the 'Abusive' Acts Prohibition under Dodd-Frank

July 30, 2019

Hinshaw's Vincent Rizzo Profiled in Law360 Diversity Snapshot Series July 11, 2019

Hinshaw's Gretchen Harris Sperry Assumes Presidency of the Appellate Lawyers Association, Discusses Importance of Upholding the Rule of Law

July 8, 2019

David S. Weinstein Discusses Obligations of U.S. Political Candidates to Report Contact with Foreign Agents June 17, 2019

Hinshaw Partner Vaishali Rao Selected to the 2020 Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Leadership Development Program

June 6, 2019

Client Success: Illinois Restaurant Association Helps Defend City of Chicago Food Truck Ordinance against Constitutional Challenge

May 28, 2019

Hinshaw's Vaishali Rao is Where She Wants to Be: Representing Clients across the Regulatory Table February 19, 2019

Illinois Restaurant Association Backs City of Chicago Food Truck Ordinance in Amicus Brief February 4, 2019

Hinshaw Special Counsel Bill Roberts Calls on U.S. Senate to Confirm William Barr as Attorney General January 17, 2019

Hinshaw Partner Raylene DeWitte Grischow Appointed Circuit Judge in Illinois Seventh Judicial Circuit December 17, 2018

Gretchen Harris Sperry Appointed National Co-Chair of New ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers Subcommittee December 17, 2018

Vaishali Rao Analyzes the Potential Regulatory Agenda of State Attorney Generals in 2019 December 13, 2018

Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Suggests Paul Manafort Likely Angling for a Presidential Pardon December 4, 2018

Illinois Supreme Court Appoints Adam Vaught to the Illinois Judicial Conference October 25, 2018

David S. Weinstein Installed as President of the FBA's South Florida Chapter October 12, 2018

Hinshaw & Culbertson Partner Joshua Vincent Named a Fellow in the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers October 4, 2018

Ken Yeadon Discusses D&O Claims Impact of a Proposed Change to the SEC Quarterly Report Requirement September 28, 2018



David S. Weinstein Quoted in CNBC Regarding Paul Manafort's Plea Deal to Cooperate with Mueller Investigation September 21, 2018

Hinshaw's Dan Purdom Discusses Van Dyke Trial Prosecutors in Front Page Chicago Tribune Story September 6, 2018

ABA Young Lawyers Division Profiles Hinshaw's Vaishali Rao in Q&A August 2, 2018

Hinshaw Managing Partner Bob Shannon Appointed to Alumni Board of Governors of Loyola Law School July 30, 2018

Ken Yeadon Discusses the Impact of the SCOTUS Escobar Ruling, Two Years On June 29, 2018

Ken Yeadon Discusses the Settlements of Two Libya FCPA Cases in Wall Street Journal June 8, 2018

Vaishali Rao Presents at NCHER Annual Conference June 6, 2018

David S. Weinstein Discusses What Attorneys Can Learn from the Media Skills of Trial Lawyer Michael Avenatti May 21, 2018

David S. Weinstein Anticipates a Rush by States to Take Advantage of Recent U.S. Supreme Court Sports Betting Decision

May 17, 2018

Hinshaw and Florida International University Successfully Conclude Second Annual Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Conference

April 24, 2018

Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Provides Media Commentary Regarding Latest Developments in the Trial of the Pulse Nightclub Shooter's Widow

March 29, 2018

Ken Yeadon Discusses the SEC's Latest Cybersecurity Disclosure Guidance March 8, 2018

Esther Seitz Appointed to Serve on ARDC Hearing Board March 7, 2018

A Profile of Hinshaw Partner Matt Walsh: Unique Way of Preparing Cases Yields Outstanding Results January 30, 2018

Hinshaw's Gretchen Harris Sperry Reappointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to the Character and Fitness Committee December 21, 2017

Hinshaw's Raylene DeWitte Grischow Reappointed to Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism December 12, 2017

Media Summary: David S. Weinstein and Ken Yeadon Provide Analysis of Former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn's Guilty Plea December 5, 2017

Media Summary: David S. Weinstein Discusses the Mistrial of New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez November 17, 2017



Hinshaw's Brette Bensinger Honored with "2017 Forty Attorneys Under 40 to Watch" Award November 10, 2017

On the Joe Rose Show: David S. Weinstein Discusses Dallas Cowboy Ezekiel Elliot, Former NFL QB Colin Kaepernick and the Termination of Louisville's Rick Pitino

October 17, 2017

Sergio Acosta Inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers October 4, 2017

David S. Weinstein Discusses NCAA Federal Bribery and Fraud Charges from the FBI on the Joe Rose Show September 27, 2017

Hinshaw Welcomes Former Assistant U.S. Attorney and Well-Respected South Florida Legal Analyst David Weinstein to its Miami Office

September 25, 2017

Hinshaw Associate Arsalan Nayani Secures Pro Bono Victory in Seventh Circuit September 1, 2017

Hinshaw Legal Team Prevails on Behalf of Prosecutors in Lawsuit Brought by Ex-Aide to Governor Scott Walker August 30, 2017

Hinshaw Partner Sergio Acosta Named Among the 50 Most Influential Latinos in Chicago Area by Negocios Now July 20, 2017

Hinshaw Announces Election of Seven New Partners June 30, 2017

Vaishali Rao Authors Law360 Article on How Rising Student Loan Defaults Could Signal a Litigation Spike March 30, 2017

Media Coverage of the 16th Annual Legal Malpractice and Risk Management Conference March 28, 2017

Raylene DeWitte Grischow Discusses Attorney Professional Responsibility With the Springfield Business Journal February 2, 2017

Former Consumer Fraud Enforcement Attorney Joins Hinshaw in Chicago January 31, 2017

Sergio Acosta Quoted in Article Addressing DOJ Report on Chicago Police Department January 13, 2017

Raylene DeWitte Grischow Appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility

January 3, 2017

Sergio Acosta Speaks With BBC World Service About High-Profile Endangered Bird Smuggling Criminal Case November 18, 2016

Sergio Acosta Comments on Federal Prosecutors' Recommended Monitoring-Related Punishment for Would-Be ISIS Recruit

November 8, 2016

Hinshaw Obtains Appellate Victory for Sangamon County Deputy Sheriff in Section 1983 Excessive Force Lawsuit August 29, 2016



Gretchen Harris Sperry Elected Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association Treasurer July 11, 2016

Diane Webster and Conrad Nowak Attend White House Heritage Day June 14, 2016

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Announces New Managing Partner and Other Firm Leaders May 18, 2016

Hinshaw Names Five New Practice Group Chairs May 18, 2016

Sergio Acosta Receives Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois' Aguila Award May 16, 2016

Bill Roberts Appointed Commissioner on the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission March 7, 2016

Sergio Acosta Appears on Chicago Tonight to Discuss Chicago Task Force on Police Accountability's Efforts February 2, 2016

Richard E. Eagleton — Former Hinshaw Lawyer, U.S. Attorney and Judge — Retires From Private Practice January 14, 2016

Arsalan Nayani Elected Treasurer of the Indian-American Bar Association of Chicago December 7, 2015

Robert Shannon Presents on Strategies for Local Governments to Address the Expanding Sharing Economy November 24, 2015

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Garners More Than Two Dozen Rankings in U.S. News – Best Lawyers' 2016 "Best Law Firms"

November 2, 2015

Hinshaw Obtains Defense Verdict for Jail Staff in Section 1983 Case September 22, 2015

Sergio Acosta Comments on Strategy Behind Senator Robert Menendez's Efforts to Move Corruption Case to Washington, D.C.

May 28, 2015

Chicago Partner Matthew P. Walsh II Co-Organizer for June 2014 Cook County State's Attorney Reunion April 25, 2014

Events

Bessie Daschbach and Colleen Jarrott to Speak on Louisiana's Green Legislative Incentives and Economic Benefits December 1, 2023

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Bessie Daschbach to Speak on Climate Risk Management

May 25, 2023

Hogan Lovells, Washington, D.C.



Colleen Jarrott to Moderate a Panel on Carbon Capture at the 70th Mineral Law Institute Hosted by Louisiana State University

March 24, 2023

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Navigating the Stop W.O.K.E. and Don't Say Gay Acts

Friday, October 28, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. EDT | 3 p.m. CDT |

Fort Lauderdale, Chicago, Virtual

Vincent Rizzo Presents on Employment Law at the Illinois Public Employer Labor Relations Association (IPELRA) Annual Conference

October 24, 2022

Galena, Illinois

Hinshaw's Laura Knittle and John Anders to Present a Legal Workshop for the Northeastern Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO)

September 2, 2022

White Deer Run Golf Course, Vernon Hills, IL

Vincent Rizzo and Michael Iasparro Scheduled to Discuss the Changing Landscape of Law Enforcement Liability May 17, 2022

The Gaysayers? Recent Anti-LGBTQ+ and Other Social Legislation

Wednesday, May 11 | 11:00 a.m. PST | 1:00 p.m. CST | 2:00 p.m. EST

New York, Chicago, Virtual

Hinshaw's Laura Knittle to Present at the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO) Annual Conference May 4, 2022

Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, Schaumburg, Illinois

Hinshaw's Aimee Delaney and Laura Knittle to Present a Legal Workshop for the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA)

April 4, 2022

Virtual Event

Esther Seitz to Speak at the Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) 37th Annual Convention

February 21, 2022

Hyatt Regency Baha Mar, Nassau, Bahamas

Team of Hinshaw Attorneys to Present at the IASPA Fifteenth Annual Conference

January 20-21, 2022

Double Tree by Hilton in Lisle, Illinois

Laura Knittle and Vincent Rizzo to Present an Illinois ASA Workshop on Navigating the Open Meetings Act

December 9, 2021

LGBTQ+ Youth and Bullying: Understanding Issues and Addressing Solutions

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Central

Webinar

David S. Weinstein to Provide FCPA Enforcement Update in FFTA Presentation

January 16, 2020

Hinshaw's Miami Office | 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd.

Hinshaw's David S. Weinstein to Provide FCPA Enforcement Update at FFTA Meeting

October 23, 2019

Hinshaw's Miami Office | 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd.



Ken Yeadon, Mollie Kugler, and Robert Wagner to Present at NAIC Midwest Zone CLE Event

June 13, 2018

Hotel Lincoln | Chicago, Illinois

Hinshaw's Second Annual Climate Change Conference: "Thinking Beyond Risk"

April 11, 2018

Four Seasons Hotel | Miami, Florida

Conrad Nowak to Speak about the Application of Military Principles in Leadership, Task Management and Performance to the Practice of Law

February 20, 2018

James R. Thompson Center Auditorium, Chicago, IL

Ken Yeadon to Speak at Chicago Bar Association Security Law Committee Meeting Regarding SEC Enforcement in Public Finance and Municipal Securities

October 19, 2017

CBA Headquarters

Hinshaw and the NYSBA Present Event on the Realities of Doing Business in Latin America

May 9, 2017

Four Seasons Hotel Miami

Sergio Acosta to Moderate Presentation by U.S. Attorney Zachary Fardon on American Life and Law: Justice in the 21st Century

April 28, 2016

Oak Brook Hills Resort — 3500 Midwest Road Oak Brook, IL 60523

National Webinar - Conducting Title IX Investigations

November 11, 2014

National Webinar

Appleton Lunch and Learn Series - Conducting Title IX Investigations

September 24, 2014

Appleton, Wisconsin

Publications

How Several U.S. Supreme Court Cases This Term Will Significantly Impact Insurers

March 28, 2024

Insights for Insurers

U.S. Supreme Court Holds Consumers Can Sue the Government for Violating the FCRA

February 26, 2024

Hinshaw Alert

U.S. EPA Grants Louisiana Primacy for Class VI Geologic Sequestration Wells: What's Next?

December 29, 2023

Hinshaw Alert

Supreme Court Upends Current Wetlands Determinations Under the Clean Water Act

July 12, 2023

Hinshaw Alert

Municipal Liability for Police Employment Reference that Hides History of Unconstitutional Conduct

July 10, 2018

CWA Liability Expanded to Include Migrating Groundwater Contamination with a "Direct Hydrologic Connection" to Jurisdictional Surface Waters



July 10, 2018

Informing Illinois Newsletter - July 2018

July 10, 2018

Informing Illinois Newsletter – April 2018

April 17, 2018

Informing Illinois Newsletter - March 2018

March 13, 2018

Informing Illinois Newsletter - February 2018

February 6, 2018

Informing Illinois Newsletter - December 2017

December 11, 2017

Informing Illinois Newsletter - November 2017

November 7, 2017

PHH v. CFPB En Banc Oral Argument Recap: Who Won?

May 25, 2017

Consumer Financial Services Alert

SEC Proposes to Add New Reporting Events to the Municipal Disclosure Rule

April 24, 2017

Informing Illinois Newsletter - January 2017

January 10, 2017

Informing Illinois Newsletter - August 2016

August 29, 2016

Informing Illinois Newsletter - February 2016

February 23, 2016

Informing Illinois Newsletter - June 2015

June 11, 2015

Informing Illinois Newsletter - April 2015

April 15, 2015

Informing Illinois Newsletter - January 2015

January 22, 2015

Trial Court Strikes Down Illinois Pension Reform Law as Unconstitutional in Its Entirety

November 21, 2014

Informing Illinois Newsletter- November 2014

November 5, 2014

The Report Card - February 2013

February 28, 2013