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Since the beginning of his career, **MATTHEW L. WILLIAMS** has impressed his fellow attorneys with his professional, respectful and skilled approach to lawyering.

Williams, a partner with Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C., is a trial attorney who now focuses mainly on medical negligence cases.

Williams began his career as an associate with Williams Montgomery & John Ltd. in 1998. He then joined Holland and Knight as an associate in 2001, where he worked on products liability litigation involving the automotive/tire industry. Williams made the move to his current firm in 2003. He graduated from the DePaul University Law School in 1998.

Raymond Lyons, Jr., of Lipe Lyons Nahrstadt & Pontikis Ltd., met Williams at the beginning of his legal career. "Matt was a quick study and demonstrated a great understanding of legal analysis, writing and advocacy well beyond his years," Lyons said, adding that he worked closely with Williams as his supervising partner at then Williams & Montgomery.

"Matt excelled in his handling of legal matters as a young defense attorney," Lyons said. "Matt during this time demonstrated exceptional legal skills in case preparation, including tasks ranging from preparing and arguing motions, taking depositions, preparing clients, and attending court hearings, mediations, arbitrations, and other trial preparation."

Lyons said Williams played a significant role in national counsel coordination efforts for legal matters involving the ServiceMaster Companies, including Terminix and TruGreen companies. "Matt was responsible for managing local counsel and filing pro hac vice admissions in cases venued across the country," Lyons said, adding Williams' managing, negotiating, and mediation skills were excellent. "To this day, I consider Matt to be the finest associate I have ever had the pleasure of supervising and mentoring," Lyons added.

Attorneys who sit across the table from Williams admire him for his professional approach to law.

Richard E. Stites, of Livingston Barger Brandt Schroeder, came to know Williams through complicated medical malpractice litigation in central Illinois. In that case, which lasted about three years, Williams represented the plaintiff and Stites represented one of the defendants. Specifically, Stites applauded Williams' discovery skills, both oral and written, in the case. "Matt handled the course of our litigation in a very gentlemanly fashion," Stites said. "There were, obviously, times where we disagreed on fundamental issues and in those instances Matt, in straightforward fashion, did the legal profession proud with vigorous advocacy for his client."

David S. Waxman, of Arnstein & Lehr LLP, has also served as opposing counsel to Williams. "Matt never lost focus on what and for whom he was fighting. He was a dogged and creative advocate on behalf of his client," Waxman said. "He never lost his cool, and his courtesy and professionalism was an absolute pleasure."

James A. Christman, of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP, has litigated against Williams for the last five years. "I first came to know Matt on a personal level through two medical negligence cases where Matt was representing plaintiffs and I represented a defendant, an emergency medicine physician in one matter and a corporation in the other," Christman said. "All litigation has its moments of contention between the various parties, and it is during these moments of contention and disagreement that one is able to discern a lawyer's true character."

Christman said Williams has been an able advocate for his client, while remaining professional and courteous. "I have never had a reason to question his integrity, and I have never felt the need to write a letter or send an email to confirm an understanding or agreement—I had no doubt that Matt would keep his word," Christman said. "In today's litigation world, this is a pleasant rarity and makes dealing with issues that arise during litigation easier to resolve for both the client and counsel."

Christman added, "Matt has treated my clients with respect while at the same time advocating his clients' cause. These character traits go beyond being a "good guy," and will serve Matt well for many years in advocating for his clients and dealing with opposing counsel.

Williams is also highly involved with the Board of Directors of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Organization.

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