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**AREAS OF PRACTICE** The firm represents both individual plaintiffs and plaintiffs in class actions, with a concentration in personal injury and wrongful death cases, as well as complex commercial litigation. The firm's areas of expertise include medical malpractice, vehicular accidents, product liability, railroads, aviation, construction, premises liability, consumer class actions and various areas of business litigation.

**90 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE** This year's four Super Lawyers are:  
**Eugene I. Pavalon** is former president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. He is a nationally

known and respected trial lawyer, having achieved record breaking verdicts and settlements. He has authored two books on personal injury and the health-care system and has been selected as one of Super Lawyers' top 10 lawyers in Illinois.

### **A SMALL AND SELECTIVE POWERHOUSE.**

**Geoffrey L. Gifford** is past president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and is among Illinois' Top 100 Lawyers. His achievements include multi-million dollar awards and record-setting settlements in several states. He is a former law professor and noted author and lecturer. In 1998, he was recognized by Trial Lawyers for Public Justice as a finalist for Trial Lawyer of the Year.

**Gary K. Laatsch** is the firm's appellate counsel, successfully supporting the firm's multi-million dollar verdicts in every court within the appeals system. He has argued complex issues in cases before

the Illinois Appellate and Supreme Court. He has authored a number of articles on personal injury, medical malpractice and products liability.

**Frank C. Marino** has more than twenty years of experience in personal injury and insurance law. He has argued cases before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Bilingual and a former public school teacher, he works with both English and Spanish-speaking clients and has obtained substantial verdicts in the state and federal courts, as well as multi-million dollar settlements.

**John J. Simonetti** is an experienced litigator who is establishing himself as the firm's next Super Lawyer through his outstanding contributions to the firm.

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