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Kenneth M. Burke is a partner and shareholder with Brown & James, P.C., practicing in the firm's Belleville office. He primarily focuses his practice on medical malpractice, asbestos litigation, product liability and a host of other litigation matters. He is a seasoned trial attorney and represents clients throughout southern Illinois.

### **Recent Verdicts**

- Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in St. Clair County, Illinois. The plaintiff alleged three defendant medical providers were negligent in failing to order emergency advanced imaging. All defendants denied negligence and the extent of the injuries claimed. The trial lasted eight days, and the jury returned a defense verdict. (2017)
- Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in Jackson County, Illinois. The plaintiff alleged the defendant physician was negligent in prescribing a medication for too long of a period of time. Defendant denied negligence and the extent of the injuries claimed. The jury returned a defense verdict. (2017)
- Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in St. Clair County, Illinois. The plaintiffs alleged the defendant physician failed to recommend emergent surgery and failed to request a vascular consultation following the surgery. The defendant denied negligence and the extent of the injuries claimed. The trial lasted six days, and the jury returned a defense verdict. (2016)
- Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in Randolph County, Illinois. The plaintiff alleged the defendant physician was negligent in performing a surgical procedure. The defendant denied negligence and the extent of the injuries claimed. The jury returned a defense verdict. (2014)
- Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in St. Clair County, Illinois. The plaintiff alleged the defendant physician was negligent in failing to perform/order a pregnancy test prior to the administration of a radioactive medication. It was claimed that this exposed the unborn fetus to future risk of cancer. The defendant denied negligence and the extent of the injuries claimed. The jury returned a defense verdict. (2013)
- Obtained a defense verdict in a dental malpractice case in St. Clair County, Illinois. The plaintiff alleged the

defendant dentist failed to identify a root tip remained after a tooth extraction. The defendant denied negligence and the extent of the injuries claimed. The jury returned a defense verdict. (2012)

- Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in Williamson County where plaintiff alleged the defendant physician failed to correctly perform a test that led to a false diagnosis of lung cancer and the unnecessary removal of plaintiff's right lung. (2009)
- Obtained a defense verdict in a dental malpractice case in St. Clair County, Illinois. The plaintiff alleged the defendant dentist was negligent by failing to obtain a proper history leading to endocarditis and a brain aneurysm. The defendant denied negligence and the extent of the injuries claimed. The trial lasted three weeks. The jury returned a defense verdict. (2008)
- Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in Williamson County, Illinois. The plaintiff alleged several defendants were negligent, and included allegations that the defendant physician failed to appreciate mental status changes and timely diagnose a brain abscess. The defendants denied they were negligent. The trial lasted three weeks. The jury returned a defense verdict. (2008)
- Obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in Jackson County, Illinois. The plaintiff alleged the defendant physician was negligent in the placement of a morphine pump catheter. The defendant denied negligence and the extent of the injuries claimed. The jury returned a defense verdict. (2007)

## Practice Areas

Environmental  
Insurance/Toxic Torts  
Health Care Liability  
Life Sciences  
Premises and Retail Liability  
Product Liability  
Professional Liability

## More About Kenneth

### Education & Bar Admissions

#### Education

- Saint Louis University (J.D., cum laude, 1991)
- Webster College (B.A., 1987)

#### Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

## Recent Achievements

- Best Lawyers - Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants, The Best Lawyers in America (2022)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent
- 2014 Top Business Lawyers in Illinois - Medical Malpractice Defense Law, Personal Injury Defense Law (General) and Products Liability Defense Law, Leading Lawyers Magazine

## Professional Affiliations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys
- Illinois Hospital Association
- St. Clair County Bar Association

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