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Aaron Stanton is a partner at Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C. Mr. Stanton is chair of the firm's Litigation group and has been recognized as one of the top "40 Under 40" attorneys in Illinois by the *Chicago Law Bulletin* and selected by *Crain's Chicago Business* as a "Notable Gen X Leader in Law" and included in *Crain's 2019 Book of Lists*.

Mr. Stanton serves the commercial litigation and general business legal needs of his clients ranging from entrepreneurs and middle market companies to Fortune 500 companies. His clients include real estate brokers, financial institutions, real estate developers, health care service organizations, heavy construction equipment manufacturers, retailers, municipalities, and individuals. Mr. Stanton handles a wide range of commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout the United States, including the defense and prosecution of fraud claims, contract and lease disputes, construction litigation, land use and development controversies, Lanham Act and false advertising cases, defamation, employment matters, housing discrimination, and trade disputes.

Utilizing his wealth of experience and the experience of Burke Warren's deep bench of real estate, corporate, employment, and tax attorneys, Mr. Stanton also serves as the outside corporate counsel handling legal matters for several businesses, including @properties; Zacks Investment Research, Inc.; Zacks Investment Management, Inc.; Avra Properties, LLC; and Nieman Brothers Company, Inc., and the Chicago Transit Authority Pension Plan.

In addition to his commercial litigation practice, Mr. Stanton, in conjunction with Burke Warren's real estate and corporate attorneys, assists his clients in a variety of corporate and real estate matters, including advising on the sale, purchase, and

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Litigation
Labor and Employment
Appellate
Real Estate Brokerage

ADMISSIONS

Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

University of Illinois (B.S., high honors, 1994)
University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1997)

CLERKSHIPS

Judge Blanche M. Manning, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois



development of multifamily residential, commercial, and industrial properties; negotiating and executing investments in real property (commercial and multifamily) and bars and restaurants; assisting real estate developers in condo-conversions, town home developments, and the construction and operation of assisted living facilities; and structuring corporate entities, drafting private placement memoranda for start-up companies, and securing investments in start-up companies, both through private placement and convertible notes. Mr. Stanton also works with Burke Warren's sophisticated estate planning group to ensure that his clients' estate planning needs are met.

Prior to joining Burke Warren, Mr. Stanton served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Blanche M. Manning of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. In 2000, Judge Manning selected Mr. Stanton from among hundreds of applicants for one of two law clerk positions. After Judge Manning asked Mr. Stanton to remain beyond his initial two-year commitment, he served as the judge's "right-hand man" into 2005. While clerking, Mr. Stanton also served as an adjunct professor at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, where he instructed first year students on the fundamentals of legal writing.

Prior to clerking, Mr. Stanton served as a litigator at Jenner & Block LLP in Chicago, where he argued numerous motions before state and federal courts, took depositions, and prepared complex cases for trial. He worked on a diverse range of matters in his three years at Jenner, including insurance coverage, product liability, patent law, legal malpractice, employment issues, admiralty, and breach of contract actions.

Experience

Since joining Burke Warren in August of 2005, Mr. Stanton has obtained numerous favorable results for his clients in an array of litigation matters.

- Court dismissed omission and misrepresentation claims against brokerage (@properties) and the individual agent arising out of the sale of vacant lot seeking over \$500,000 in damages alleging fraud (common law and consumer), negligent misrepresentation, and violation of the Illinois Real Estate License Act. *Sickels v. Banas*, Case No. 20 L 435 (Cir. Ct. Lake County, Illinois)
- Court granted motion to dismiss negligent misrepresentation claims against brokerage (@properties) and individual broker alleging misstatement in sale and marketing of single family home. *Flasch v. NS Servco, Inc.*, Case No. 17 L 40
- Court granted motion to dismiss (with prejudice) on statute of limitations grounds as to claims by buyer of condominium alleging fraud (common law and consumer) and negligent misrepresentation against brokerage (@properties) and the individual agents seeking in excess of \$250,000. *Tupper v. MC&P Development Co.*, Case No. 10 CH 42991 (Cir. Ct. Cook County, Illinois)
- Court granted summary judgment in favor of broker, who was also the seller, arising out of the sale of a multi-family apartment building alleging failure to disclose and misrepresentations and violation of the Illinois Real Estate License Act and fraud (common law and consumer) seeking over \$500,000 in damages. *Nabasny v. Broznowski*, Case No. 18 L 009520
- Court dismissed (with prejudice) claims by buyer of condominium against brokerage (@properties) and the individual broker arising out of alleged misrepresentations and omissions the sale and



marketing of a condominium unit alleging violations of the Illinois Real Estate License Act and Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act, common law fraud, and negligent misrepresentation seeking over \$1 million in damages. *Kjarsgaard v. Reilly*, Case No. 18 L 11552 (Cir. Ct. Cook County, Illinois)

- Court granted motion for summary judgment in favor of brokerage (@properties) and the individual broker of claims by purchaser of single family home seeking over \$700,000 in damages for alleged failure to disclose and misrepresentations in the marketing and sale alleging fraud (common law and consumer), negligent misrepresentation, and violations of the Illinois Real Estate License Act. *Newell v. @properties et. al.* Case No. 18 L 1977
- Court dismissed (with prejudice) claims by condominium association against brokerage (@properties) and the individual broker arising out of the sale and marketing of a new construction condominium building alleging violations of the Illinois Real Estate License Act and Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act, common law fraud, and negligent misrepresentation seeking over \$1 million in damages. *2035 New Orleans Condominium Association v. Clark Orleans, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 20 L 2726 (Cir. Ct. of Cook County, Illinois)
- Secured dismissal and/or summary judgment in favor of his real estate developer/seller clients in breach of contract/warranty and fraud actions (each seeking between \$350,000 to \$1,000,000), including *Siegel Development, LLC v. Peak Construction, LLC et al.*, 2013 IL App (1st) 111973, 993 N.E. 2d 1041 (Ill. App. Ct. 2013)
- Obtained numerous injunctions for employees/clients against former employees that breached non-solicitation agreements
- Obtained a \$1,000,000-plus verdict for Hyundai Construction Equipment U.S.A., Inc. against an importer of "gray market" Hyundai construction machines (e.g., Hyundai equipment intended for sale and use in a country other than the United States), *Hyundai Construction Equipment U.S.A., Inc. v. Chris Johnson Equipment, Inc.*, No. 06 C 3238, 2008 WL 4210785 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 10, 2008)
- Chaired a fraud action brought by a group of restaurant investors against general partner that resulted in a significant settlement for Mr. Stanton's client's mid-trial
- Secured dismissal with prejudice of a \$1.5 million fraud claim against a REIT stemming from the sale of a \$3.1 million industrial property
- Successfully defended a suburban municipality in a six-day bench trial in an alleged unlawful takings case
- Procured dismissal of several million-dollar, lender liability actions against financial institutions
- Co-chaired a two-week jury trial resulting in a \$500,000 verdict in favor of a Chicago-based national health insurance company in a breach of contract action

Professional/Community

- Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, adjunct professor (2000-2003)



- The Chicago Bar Foundation, vice-chair of the 2009–2015 Investing in Justice Campaign
- Chicago Food Depository, volunteer (2005-present)
- Evanston Township High School Booster Club, corporate fundraising chair (2008-2009)
- Kingsley Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, corporate fundraising chair (2013-2015)

Insights

NEWS

Burke Warren a Proud Sponsor of Chicago Children's Museum 2022 Gala
News, [September 27, 2022](#)

Burke Warren a Proud Sponsor of 2022 @gives back Golf Classic
News, [August 19, 2022](#)

Burke Warren a Proud Sponsor of 2021 @gives back Golf Classic
News, [September 13, 2021](#)

Burke Warren Launches Real Estate Brokerage Practice Group
News, [August 23, 2021](#)

Burke Warren a Proud Sponsor of 27th Annual IPGA-Maryville Gleason Cup Golf Invitational
News, [August 10, 2021](#)

Burke Warren Partners Eric VanderPloeg and Aaron Stanton Cited in Cook County Record Article
Entitled, "Homewood country club developer wins disconnection, seeks to end court fight vs village,
activists"
News, [April 22, 2021](#)

Greenberg Reaches Deal With III. Fund In Bond Fraud Suit
News, Law 360, [August 13, 2020](#)

Burke Warren Partner Aaron Stanton Interviewed in WGN TV News Segment Discussing a Stalled
Redevelopment Project in Markham
News, [February 5, 2020](#)

Mary McWilliams and Aaron Stanton Named Among 2019 Notable Gen X Leaders In Law
News, [May 30, 2019](#)

A deal for a Highland Park house fell apart. There's more.
News, [July 19, 2018](#)

Firm Attorneys Attend "Strike Out Cancer" Fundraiser
News, [July 12, 2018](#)

@properties sues Baird & Warner in sales figure spat
News, Crain's Chicago Business, [March 20, 2018](#)



Baird & Warner Sued Over Allegedly Fake Sales Figures
News, LAW360, [March 19, 2018](#)

Baird & Warner Sued Over Allegedly Fake Sales Figures
News, [March 19, 2018](#)

@properties Angels in the Outfield Fundraiser
News, [October 5, 2017](#)

The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham et al v. U.S. Bank National Association
News, [August 23, 2017](#)

Firm Attorneys Attend @givesahoot
News, [October 12, 2016](#)

Firm Hosts University of Illinois Law School Dean
News, [September 15, 2016](#)

Firm Raises Bar For Investing In Justice Campaign
News, [April 2016](#)

Firm Members Attend @properties Laugh Off Fundraiser for Noah's Arc Foundation
News, [September 23, 2015](#)

Firm's Participation In Investing In Justice Campaign: Campaign Results Revealed
News, [April 3, 2015](#)

Troubled Bank Director Liability Audio Conference
News, [January 4, 2011](#)

ALERTS

Accused of Crossing the Railroad? Claims By or Against Railroads
Alert, [September 7, 2022](#)

Illinois Enters Phase 3 Reopening with Executive Order 2020-38
Alert, [June 1, 2020](#)

Cook County Passes New Residential Landlord Rules Leaving Industry Dyspeptic
Alert, [December 11, 2019](#)

Using An Overbroad Confidentiality, Non-Compete And Non-Solicit Agreement To Scare Employees Can
Seriously Backfire
Alert, [December 3, 2015](#)

Real Estate Broker Law – Legal Update: Change in the Law on Marketing New Construction
Condominiums in Chicago
Alert, [November 18, 2015](#)



Protecting Your Customers from Former Employees
Alert, [July 1, 2015](#)

To Compete or Not to Compete: Appellate Court Ruling Could Mean Changes for Employers and Non-Compete Restrictions
Alert, [July 25, 2013](#)

FDIC Launches Full-Scale Attack on Bank Directors
Alert, [November 8, 2010](#)

Non-compete vs. Non-solicitation - Every Business Person Should Know the Difference
Alert, [August 2, 2010](#)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Hyundai Construction Equipment U.S.A., Inc.'s Strategies For Combating Gray Market Construction Equipment", Alliance for Gray Market and Counterfeit Abatement
Event, Americas Conference, [Fourth Quarter, 2009](#)

"Combating Gray Market Goods"
Event, American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Continuing Legal Education, Teleconference, [December 9, 2009](#)