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Geoffrey is a seasoned litigator and e-discovery lawyer, as well as a military veteran and community leader.

Geof is a litigator skilled in high-stakes arbitrations and trials and has built an impressive record defending global corporations and resolving complex, bet-the-company disputes. With more than 30 cases argued to verdict, Geof's experience spans a wide range of litigation—from contested food and consumer product liability cases to intricate trust and estate battles spanning continents to billion-dollar medical device controversies. A commanding presence in the courtroom, he excels in strategically dismantling opponents' arguments and securing decisive victories for his clients.

Geof is adept in managing sprawling, data-heavy disputes, drawing on his deep experience with e-discovery to uncover critical evidence and turn the tide in his clients' favor. His decades of contributions to the Sedona Conference's Working Group 1 on Electronic Document Retention and Production and the Legal Data Intelligence initiative reflect his experience in this evolving field, ensuring he stays ahead of the curve in a technology-driven legal landscape. Tech company Relativity named him in the founding class of "AI Visionaries" as an early adopter of legal technology playing a seminal role in advancing the use of AI in his practice.

A U.S. Navy veteran who proudly served during the First Gulf War, Geof approaches every case with the discipline and determination of a seasoned military leader. His pursuit of justice has led him to positions on the boards of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago and Autism Speaks' Chicagoland chapter. He also was the president of the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation, Chicago's oldest and largest pro bono provider.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Education

- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (J.D., 1995)
 - *cum laude*, Member of the *John Marshall Law Review*
- Michigan State University (B.A., 1992)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Indiana

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. Tax Court

Professional Affiliations

- Adjunct Faculty, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, Legal Writing and Research
- Board of Directors, Former President, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation
- Membership Committee, Economic Club of Chicago

Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Honorable Charles Norgle, Sr.

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board of Directors, Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago
- Board of Directors, Autism Speaks, Chicagoland Chapter

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, E-Discovery and Information Governance, National, 2025-2026
- *Chambers Global*, E-Discovery & Information Governance, USA, 2026
- 40 Illinois Lawyers Under 40 to Watch
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*®, 2011, 2026
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Stars," 2008-2010

Insights

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