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Sheppard Law Firm, P.C., in Chicago, Illinois, is a highly recognized criminal defense firm, which prides itself on results. Representative cases include:

Representative Federal Cases

United States v. XXX (U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois)(2019 indictment):

Allegations: 80 million dollar Medicare Fraud involving Overseas Companies

United States v. XXX (U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois)(2018): a physician accused

of prescription fraud and insurance fraud.

United States v. XXX (U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois): manager of alleged criminal enterprise is accused of a scheme resulting in a 18 million dollar loss to a major United States company.

United States v. XXXX (7th Circuit Court of Appeals). Sheppard delivered oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit where his client, the CEO of a marketing company, was accused of engaging in a multi-million dollar credit card/wire fraud/tax fraud scheme.

Sheppard Law Firm obtains dismissal, on jurisdictional grounds, in the District Court, Northern District of Illinois, and successfully defended the dismissal before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeal in a case where a co-pilot was suing another co-pilot (Sheppard Law Firm's client) and the airlines based on alleged assault committed by the co-pilot. See *Baylay v. Ethiad Airways & Saravdeep Mann et. al.* (7th Circuit case Nos. 16-4113 & 17-1958).

Representative State Court Cases:

Currently pending: *People of the State of Illinois v. Doctor Wyndam Lathem*: Sheppard Law Firm is representing distinguished microbiologist and Northwestern University professor, Doctor Wyndham Lathem, in defense of homicided charges. Doctor Lathem is using his pretrial time to help other inmates and remains hopeful. <https://chicago.suntimes.com/news/sneed-exclusive-prof-charged-in-grisly-murder-wants-to-teach-inmates/>

Sheppard Law Firm obtains Appellate Victory that will change the manner in which bond hearings must proceed (December 13, 2019): The defendant, a teacher in Chicago Public Schools, had been charged with several serious offenses, including allegations of criminal sexual assault and child pornography involving a student. Four judges had denied bond to the defendant in four separate bond hearings. Sheppard Law Firm, P.C. appealed the no-bond orders to the Appellate Court arguing that the defendant was statutorily entitled to a bond as the State had not filed the requisite petition to hold him without bond and the hearings had not been conducted in compliance with the bail statute. The Appellate Court agreed. The Appellate Court issued a precedential opinion holding that defendant's interpretation of the bond statute was correct -- section 110-6.1 of the bond statute must be complied with before bond can be denied to a defendant who is charged with a non-probationable offense. The Appellate Court directed the Circuit Court to set a bond and the Circuit Court did set a bond and the defendant has been released. As the Appellate Court stated in another opinion, appeals of bail decisions are "exceedingly rare;" an appellate victory on a bail issue is even rarer.

Attached, is an article from the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin summarizing the appellate decision. [Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Article on Appellate Victory](#)

Sheppard Law Firm obtained an acquittal for a renowned Rabbi and his two sons who were accused of an embezzling from the synagogue. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-charges-against-rabbi-and-2-sons-thrown-out-by-cook-county-judge-20140903-story.html>.

Dismissal of all charges for Chicago Police Officer charged with Sex Assault. The following Chicago Tribune article describes the initial charges, which were ultimately dismissed following Sheppard Law Firm's filing of pretrial motions: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-2014-01-17-chi-chicago-officer-jailed-on-charges-of-assaulting-relative-20140117-story.html>

Sheppard Law Firms obtains an **amendment of first degree murder charges to involuntary manslaughter for which the defendant received probation** where the defendant had been charged with homicide of her newborn. <http://abc7chicago.com/news/mother-gets-probation-in-death-of-newborn-thrown-from-8th-floor/2205561/>

Adam Sheppard has published over 20 articles in various respected legal periodicals, several of which appear on Westlaw. Sheppard is also vice-chair of the litigation committee for the Chicago Bar Association and has lectured at a plethora of legal seminars, including have lectured to law school classes and national audiences on digital searches and seizures.

Sheppard's clients have included professional athletes, physicians, scientists, and other lawyers.

Adam Sheppard trained other lawyers in defending Title IX cases -- university proceedings based on allegations of sexual misconduct -- and has an unusually successful track record in such cases.

Sheppard Law Firm also has considerable expertise in other sex offense cases, such as child pornography cases.

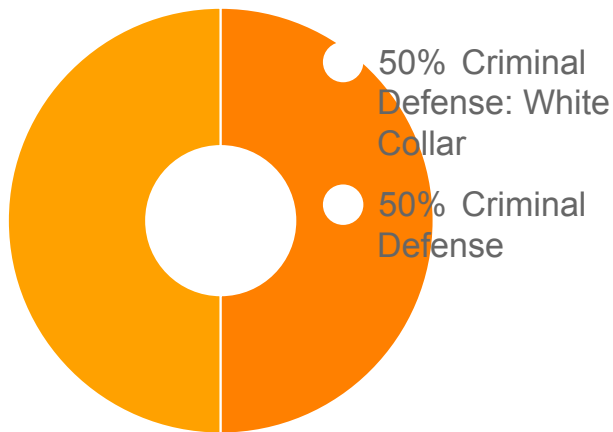
Adam Sheppard has been recognized by "Super Lawyers" as a "Rising Star" every year since 2012 (top 2.5% in Illinois); he has been repeatedly named by "Leading Lawyer" magazine as an "emerging lawyer" (top 2% in Illinois) and the National Trial Lawyers association has named Sheppard to the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" list.

He serves on the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bar Associations, the editorial board of the CBA, and he vice-chairs the trial practice committee of the Chicago Bar Association; he is an

officer and editorial board member of the Decalogue Society; he is a lifetime member of National Association of Criminal Defense and member of the Federal Bar Association and Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He volunteers as a teacher for the Constitutional Rights Foundation "Lawyer in the Classroom" project.

Adam Sheppard has been sked to comment as a legal expert by news outlets such as his recent appearance on Fox News to comment on the Jason Van Dyke/Laquan McDonald trial:<https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/360245548-video>

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Honors/Awards:

- Jack-Carey Merit Award Scholarship, Cook County Public Defender's Office
- 2018: Adam Sheppard was honored to be selected as one of 8 new members to the Board of Managers for the Chicago Bar Association. Adam also serves on the editorial board for the CBA and co-vice-chairs its trial practice committee., Board of Managers, *Chicago Bar Association*, 2018
- Rising Star, Super Lawyer Magazine, 2012-2017
- Emerging Lawyers, Leading Lawyers, 2016

Bar/Professional Activity:

- Federal Court, Panel Attorney
- Chicago Bar Association, Editorial Board & Co-Vice-Chair of Litigation Committee
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois
- Criminal Law Committee, Young Lawyers Section,

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