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Scott Nehls is a Partner at Krieg DeVault and serves as Chair of the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice. He represents small to mid-sized businesses, individuals, and financial institutions in a variety of civil litigation matters, including shareholder disputes, contract breaches, construction litigation, fraud, landlord-tenant disputes, employment issues, business torts, and loan enforcement actions.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Nehls served as an Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County, where he gained substantial litigation experience. He argued cases before the Illinois First District Appellate Court, drafted numerous appellate briefs and petitions for the Illinois Supreme Court, and handled over ten jury trials to verdict. While in the Civil Unit, Scott focused on defending Cook County employees against civil claims in both federal and state courts, further honing his litigation and advocacy skills.

Education

- J.D., DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, 2006
- B.S. in Economics and Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, 2003

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois, 2006
- Wisconsin, 2023
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)
- 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. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Practices

- Financial Services
- Financial Institutions
- Mortgage Lenders

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Appellate
- Class Action and Multi-Party Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- Local Counsel Representation
- Trust and Estate Litigation
- Labor and Employment

Industries

- Construction
- Financial Services
- Health Care

Representative Experience

- Successfully vacated and dismissed a decade-old multi-million dollar judgment by applying deep knowledge of service of process rules.
- Secured dismissal of a multi-million dollar stock ownership dispute on appeal by advancing a nuanced jurisdictional argument.

Professional Associations

- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Member, Judicial Evaluation Committee of Chicago Bar Association
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association

Civic Involvement

- Mock Trial Coach, Northwestern University
- Caucus Committee Member, Lake Forest Caucus
- Board of Directors, AYSO #163
- Head Soccer Coach for U5, U6, U8, U10, U12, U14 for AYSO
- Hockey Coach, Falcons
- Coach, Evanston Baseball/Softball Association
- Basketball Coach, Wilmette Park District

Awards & Recognitions

- Emerging Lawyer, Leading Lawyer
- Leading Lawyer, Leading Lawyer

- Rising Star, Super Lawyers