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Andrew is a trial and litigation lawyer who represents major corporations and individuals in sensitive, high-stakes matters that are disputed in court or arbitration. Andrew began his career representing indigent criminal defendants at a public defender's office, spending most of his days there inside a courtroom. He then joined Big Law before taking his trial skills to a nimble, trial-tested firm: Goldman Ismail. Andrew now concentrates on products liability, contract, securities, and patent cases.

Representative Litigation

In Re: Testosterone Replacement Therapy Products Liability Litigation

Lead counsel for AbbVie and Actavis in multi-district litigation stemming from AbbVie's and Actavis's testosterone replacement therapies, AndroGel and Androderm.

- *Rowley v. AbbVie Inc.*: Trial counsel for AbbVie in an MDL bellwether trial where the plaintiff claimed AndroGel caused his deep vein thrombosis. The jury returned a complete defense verdict for AbbVie.
- *Davis v. Actavis Inc. et al.*: Trial counsel for Actavis in a products liability case where the plaintiff claimed Androderm caused his ischemic stroke. Case settled just before jury selection.

Gaines v. Chicago Board of Education

Lead trial counsel for defendant who was legally barred from challenging liability at trial. Andrew's closing argument was [quoted](#) by the Chicago Tribune. Jury awarded less than 10 percent of the amount Plaintiff requested.

Bollock v. Eli Lilly et al.

Lead counsel for AbbVie Inc. in a wrongful death products liability case in which Plaintiff accused AbbVie's testosterone replacement therapy, AndroGel, of causing a fatal heart attack. Case settled.

Roundup Products Liability Litigations

Counsel for Monsanto in nationwide Roundup litigation. Responsible for coordinating trial teams in dozens of scheduled trials across the country in both federal and state jurisdictions.

Confidential Commercial Arbitration

Lead counsel for a software developer in an arbitration against a Fortune 50 financial institution. Our client alleged breach of a product development agreement that caused it millions of dollars in damages. Case settled.

Confidential Commercial Arbitration

Trial counsel in a licensing and intellectual property arbitration against a multi-national pharmaceutical company. The three-arbitrator panel ruled unanimously in favor of our client on all claims.

Elliott Management et al. v. AbbVie Inc.

Counsel for AbbVie against several hedge funds that sued in a dozen cases in state court over a \$54 billion collapsed corporate merger. Successfully obtained full dismissal of all cases either through summary judgment or early motion practice, including:

- *Castlerig Master Investments, Ltd. v. AbbVie Inc.*: Trial and appellate counsel for AbbVie in a securities fraud case brought by a hedge fund. Andrew successfully briefed and argued the appeal that advanced the law on permissible securities fraud claims in Illinois. The Court's decision is [here](#).
- *Quad Capital et al. v. AbbVie Inc.*: Trial and appellate counsel for AbbVie in two securities fraud cases brought by a hedge fund in Illinois and New York. Andrew won dismissal and defended each dismissal on appeal in both states. The appellate decisions from the Illinois and New York courts are [here](#) and [here](#).

PFAS Environmental Litigation

Representing chemical manufacturer in thousands of environmental and products liability claims in state and federal courts nationwide brought by individuals, municipalities, and states alleging groundwater contamination and personal injury as individual claims, consolidated proceedings, and class actions.

Video Privacy Protection Act Litigation

Counsel for Major League Baseball in purported class action lawsuits and arbitrations related to allegations involving the video privacy protection act.

Confidential Commercial Arbitration

Represented a Fortune 100 chemical and medical supply manufacturer in a patent licensing dispute. Case settled.

Sybron Canada Holdings, Inc. et al. v. Gerald A. Niznick et al.

Trial counsel for three Danaher Corp. subsidiaries in a breach of contract and fiduciary duty action against minority shareholders pending in New York state court. After approximately fifty days of deposition testimony and a two-week bench trial, the Court granted complete relief to our clients, including a rejection of \$100 million in claimed damages against our clients.

In re K-Dur Antitrust Litigation

Represented Merck in class action and consolidated opt-out antitrust lawsuits. The case settled shortly before trial.

Consumer Electronics Litigation

Represented a Fortune 10 consumer electronics company in seven patent-infringement cases brought by a prolific non-practicing entity relating to telecommunications, user-interface, computer security, and battery technologies.

Galper v. Merck Sharp & Dohme, Corp.

Represented Merck during a bellwether trial involving the medicine Fosamax®. After a six-week trial in California state court, the jury returned a complete defense verdict for Merck.

Fortune 15 Company AAA Arbitrations

Represented a Fortune 15 healthcare company in nearly fifty separate AAA arbitrations involving ERISA and Texas insurance law. Secured a complete dismissal of all arbitrations and recovered attorneys' fees and costs.

Spilker v. Medtronic, Inc.

Represented Medtronic, Inc. in a product liability action concerning Medtronic's Cryocatheter System medical device. Case settled.

Berg v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.

Trial counsel for Imerys Talc America, Inc. in a personal injury case involving ovarian cancer. Court granted summary judgment to Imerys shortly before trial.

Confidential AAA Arbitration

Co-tried a commercial arbitration involving breach of contract claims over complex wind turbine generator (WTG) technology. Obtained favorable arbitration award.

Gilfand et al. v. Planey et al.

Trial counsel with Lori Lightfoot for two Chicago police officers during a two-week federal jury trial that involved Section 1983 claims of excessive force and failure to intervene. Jury found clients not liable of all federal claims.

State of Wisconsin v. Quaschnik

Lead trial counsel in a felony jury trial in Wisconsin state court. Obtained a complete defense verdict.

Private Practice

Partner, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan
& Baum LLP

Associate, Mayer Brown LLP

Wisconsin State Public Defenders Office,
Trial Division

Education

University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., *cum laude*)

- *Wisconsin Law Review*, Managing Editor
- Trial Team, Captain (National Champion, A.A.J. National Student Trial Advocacy Tournament)
- Moot Court Team

University of Wisconsin – Madison (B.A., *high honors*)

- *Phi Kappa Phi*
 - Presidential Fellow, Center for the Study of the Presidency
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Of Note

Ranked by *Chambers USA* as Up and Coming in
Illinois Product Liability Litigation (2025)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of
Illinois, Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service
(2025)

Selected for *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under
Hot List (2022-2025)

Selected by *Super Lawyers* as an Illinois Rising Star
(2018-2020)

Outstanding Trial Advocacy Award (2010)

Ranked by *Chambers USA* as Up and Coming in
Nationwide Product Liability & Mass Torts (2025)

Selected by *Super Lawyers* as an Illinois Super
Lawyer (2022-2025)

Selected by *Lawdragon* as among the "all-star
litigators" "who excel at representing principally
corporations and other organizations" in complex
litigation, including product liability, securities, and
patent, in the 500 Leading Litigators in America
guide (2022-2026)

Recognized by the *Law Bulletin Publishing Company*
as an Illinois Emerging Lawyer in commercial
litigation, mass tort defense, and personal injury
defense (2016, 2017)

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[Goldman Ismail Helps AbbVie Secure Summary Judgment in Circuit Court of Cook County](#)

[Goldman Ismail Files Lawsuit on Behalf of 3M to Fight COVID-19 Price-Gouging Scams](#)

[Goldman Ismail Elects to Partnership Rami Fakhouri, Andrew Rima, and Doug Winnard](#)

[Goldman Ismail Wins Summary Judgment for Imerys Talc](#)

Bar & Court Admission

State of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
