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### Chicago Lawyer Names Hinshaw Partner Anne Couyoumjian Among 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch

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The U.S. law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is pleased to announce that partner Anne C. Couyoumjian has been recognized as one of the 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch – 2018 ("40 Under 40") by the *Chicago Lawyer*.

Couyoumjian focuses her practice primarily in tort defense litigation, including cases involving products liability, toxic tort, chemical exposure, transportation, fire litigation, construction defect, and general liability matters. An experienced trial lawyer, she represents clients in arbitrations, mediations, and litigation in both state and federal court.

"We are extremely pleased that Anne's hard work and dedication has been recognized," said Hinshaw Managing Partner Robert Shannon. "In addition to her ability to obtain terrific results for clients, Anne has earned the highest respect of colleagues, opposing counsel and Judges, making her a great asset to the firm."

Attorneys named among the "40 Under 40" are selected following nominations from peer attorneys in the Illinois legal community. A reception in their honor was held earlier this year and all "40 Under 40" attorneys were profiled in a recent issue of the *Chicago Lawyer*.

Couyoumjian has built a reputation for her ability to take on tough cases and deliver results through every phase of litigation, including taking cases to trial or obtaining favorable settlements.

A Judge with the Circuit Court of Cook County's Law Division, who has seen Couyoumjian's work firsthand, testified to her professionalism and excellent reputation among her peers. "It is clear that Annie holds the respect of both her client and opposing counsel. She is not intimidated by complex issues, and has strong written and oral advocacy skills."

Couyoumjian has defended product liability matters for manufacturers of products ranging from exercise equipment to medical devices, representing small, privately-held companies, as well as Fortune 500 corporations. She is a member of the national defense team for one of the firm's largest self-insured clients, requiring pro hac vice representation throughout the country.

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"I was especially impressed with her formidable trial skills which were on display throughout a three week jury trial," said Timothy Tomasik of Tomasik Kotin Kasserman, who has been adverse to Couyoumjian in a complex matter for more than a decade. "She cross-examined a number of witnesses, including physicians demonstrating great poise, skill and creativity."

And while Couyoumjian vigorously advocates for her clients, she also is known for her friendly demeanor.

"What I find quite unique about her lawyering skills is her personal approach," said attorney Thomas Prindable of Cogan & Power, who has been opposing counsel to Couyoumjian on a number of cases. Prindable said that in one case, Couyoumjian showed special concern for his client's deteriorating health and helped to resolve the matter promptly. "I will be forever grateful to her for the human touch which she brings to litigation."

Among other activities, Couyoumjian is deeply involved with Urban Initiatives, a sports-based youth development program for Chicago Public School children. She served as President of the Urban Initiatives Associate Board, is a member of the group's Builders Board and received the Paul Armstrong Memorial Heart of a Champion award from the organization in 2017.

[Annie's 40 Under 40 Profile](#) (PDF, *republished with permission*)