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# MICHAEL DITORE

**FIRM**

Corboy & Demetrio  
Chicago

**LAW SCHOOL**

Loyola University Chicago  
School of Law

**AREA OF PRACTICE**

Personal Injury, Medical  
Malpractice

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Those who have worked with Michael Ditore and those who have opposed him both agree: Ditore has earned his place among the top plaintiff’s personal injury and medical malpractice attorneys in the Chicago area.

And what’s most impressive is that Ditore, with Corboy & Demetrio, has built this reputation at just 32 years of age.

“Mike is extremely talented. Our firm has a history of hiring former prosecutors with well-honed trial skills,” said Thomas Demetrio, Corboy & Demetrio Co-founder. “He is a quick learner, and he has the acumen to allow us to bring him into high-profile cases,” Demetrio added. “He has a bright future, and he’s genuinely a really good guy.”

Ditore has long demonstrated the top litigation skills that have earned him his stellar reputation. During his time at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s office, Ditore worked on more than 200 bench and jury trials.

“Dealing with a misdemeanor call as a young attorney is a great learning laboratory,” said Chicago attorney Terrence LeFevour. “Thrust each day into a multitude of files, you have to deal with police, complaining witnesses, defense lawyers and, finally, the judge. When you’re on top of all that, you actually have to be ready for and present matters for trial. Mike quickly became a master.”

“Mr. Ditore’s legal ability greatly exceed his years of practice,” said CBA President Maryam Ahmad, also a former Cook Co. Circuit Court Judge.

“His arguments were unfailingly cogent and persuasive. His legal acumen kept the court call moving efficiently; however, his personality brightened the day of all the courtroom personnel. Such a combination is rare,” Ahmad added.

Ditore has also notched several strong results during his still-brief time at Corboy.

In one of Ditore’s first civil jury trials, he secured a \$2.6 million jury verdict in an orthopedic surgery case. In a downstate obstetrics malpractice case, Ditore earned a \$1 million settlement. In May of this year, Ditore obtained a \$2.55 million settlement on behalf of a woman struck by a van.

What’s behind this success? His peers point to Ditore’s preparation, his commitment to his clients and his ability to react quickly to new information.

“I have had the opportunity to be opposite him on pending cases and it is intimidating, to say the least,” said David Neal, litigation attorney with Allstate Insurance Co.

“He has a unique way of adverse examination where he is able to gain agreement on menial issues because he knows the details of the case,” Neal said.

Cook County Associate Judge Kevin Lee said that Ditore is not only a skilled litigator but an ethical one, too.

“He is fair and honest,” Lee said. “It was obvious to me the first time I met him that he was an excellent attorney and even better person.”

Ditore has found time to give back to his profession and community. He serves on the Young Professionals Board of the Center for Disability & Elder Law and Good Sports. Ditore is also Director of the Michael Howlett Mock Trial Competition Committee and is active in the A.A.J., CBA, ISBA and I.T.L.A.

Those who know Ditore say that he is poised for even greater accomplishments in the future.

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