

Ted P. Hammel – 25 Years of Trusted Criminal Defense

Ted Hammel is a seasoned criminal law attorney in the Joliet-area and founder of Hammel Law Offices P.C. with 25 years of criminal defense experience.

[Hammel Law Offices P.C.'s website](#) states that Hammel is an “active member of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) 1) Criminal Justice Section Council, 2) Traffic Laws & Courts Section Council, and 3) Standing Committee On Judicial Evaluations - Outside Cook County.

Recently, he was elected to the Assembly of the ISBA. The Assembly is the supreme policy making body of the ISBA. Additionally, in Will County, he is Chairman of the Will County Bar Association Criminal Law Committee. He is a regular presenter at the Will County & ISBA’s seminars regarding Criminal, DUI and traffic offenses.”

At the very beginning, Hammel didn’t plan for going to law school. He was originally in college for being a public accountant.

“My roommates in college at Marquette were trying to come up with a lease because our flat was being remodeled. And the guy gave us a contract, but there wasn’t much to it, so I brought an addendum to the contract and *then* I knew I was going to law school,” Hammel said.

After graduating from Marquette University, he was employed at the Continental National Bank of Chicago. During law school, he clerked for the United States Army Judge Advocate General’s Office VII Corp, Munich, Germany. Hammel then worked two years as an assistant public defender before establishing Hammel Law Offices P.C.

When asked about some of the highlights of his career, Hammel said, “I do a lot of DUI trials. Some of my favorite moments are winning appeals and winning trials.”

“Going to trial fuels my passion for criminal law,” Hammel said. “There’s a good group of state’s attorneys in the courthouse here in Will County and a good group of defense attorneys, and they all like going to trial and doing hearings; that’s what makes it fun.”

Hammel also has a passion for writing criminal justice articles and has written an article called, “Go Six” published for the [Illinois State Bar Association](#). He is currently working on future articles. “I am also now back on the Traffic Law Committee, just as a member. We review case law, statutes, and any other tricks of the trade,” Hammel added.

Hammel notes multiple colleagues and mentors who have shaped his career, including Samuel Andreano, Alexander Bonds, Frank Andreano, Terry Wallace, and Daniel Kennedy.

“I don’t know anyone who takes more pride in their work than Ted,” said Frank Andreano of Andreano Law P.C. “He is a great, great lawyer: his dedication to his clients, his sense of humor, and the way he keeps up with all of the latest developments in criminal law.”

To learn more about Hammel Law Offices P.C., check out hammel-law.com.