

BIO OF ATTORNEY NATHAN B. HINCH

Nathan B. Hinch is an attorney in private practice with the law firm Meyer Capel, a professional corporation, with offices in Bloomington and Champaign, Illinois. He helps clients with wills, trusts, and other estate planning matters, and with legal issues regarding business, real estate, construction, and civil litigation. He also serves as an administrative hearing officer for the Town of Normal, Illinois, in adjudication proceedings for municipal ordinance violations.

Mr. Hinch is licensed to practice law in Illinois by the Illinois Supreme Court (2007) and is admitted to the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois (2011). He holds a J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law with a Certificate in the Program in Environmental and Energy Law (2007) and a B.A. in Economics, *cum laude*, from Wheaton College (IL) (2000).

He was named a “30 Under 30” honoree by the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce in 2010, a “40 Under 40” honoree by the McLean County Chamber of Commerce in 2014, an “Emerging Lawyer” by the Leading Lawyers Network in 2015 and 2017 and a “Leading Lawyer” since 2018, and the McLean County Bar Association’s “Young Lawyer of the Year” in 2015. He currently serves on the board of governors and as 2023-2024 President of the McLean County Bar Association, as a board member of the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation, and as a member of the American Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. Nathan is a Paul Harris Fellow and has served as a board member of Bloomington Club of Rotary International and its Foundation, and is a Fellow with the Illinois Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation.

Mr. Hinch currently serves on the Audit and Compliance Committee for Carle Health, and previously served on the board for the philanthropy council serving Carle (previously Advocate) BroMenn and Eureka hospitals and chaired that board in 2018-2019. He also served on the board of directors from 2017 – 2022, and served as the 2020 president, for the McLean County Chamber of Commerce. Nathan currently serves on the board for Westminster Village, a not-for-profit owned and operated active aging and assisted living community in Bloomington. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Parklands Foundation, a nature conservancy with holdings of more than 1,500 acres in McLean and Woodford Counties, and as chairman of the board of elders for his local church. He volunteers pro bono work and has helped with fundraising support for a variety of charitable organizations in McLean County, including Prairie State Legal Services, the Immigration Project, Lawyers for the Creative Arts, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Boys and Girls Club. He frequently serves as a court-appointed guardian *ad litem* (GAL) for the McLean County Circuit Court (Eleventh Judicial Circuit) to report to the court as to the best interests of a child or disabled adult in guardianship cases. He lives in Bloomington, Illinois with his wife Sarah and their three children.

Nate can be followed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/HinchLaw), Linkedin, Instagram and Twitter (@nathanhinch). He can also be found at <https://www.meyercapel.com/nathan-b-hinch> .

NATHAN B. HINCH – PUBLISHED WORK AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Complying with the Corporate Transparency Act,” McLean County Chamber of Commerce, March 2024.
- “Stepping into the Role of Executor or Trustee,” Heartland Community College, April and November 2023.
- Moderator, “The Basics (and not so basics) of Transfer on Death Instruments,” Illinois State Bar Association, October 2023.
- Panelist, “Civility in Legal Practice: Why it Matters,” The Future is Now 2023 conference, Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, June 2023.
- “The Amended TODI Act – A Useful Tool for Farmland,” presented to the Illinois State Bar Association Agricultural Law annual continuing legal education conference, June 2022.
- “The Long and Winding Road,” presented to the Bloomington-Normal Young Professionals, March 2022.
- Co-Author, “The New & Improved Transfer on Death Instrument Act,” *Illinois Bar Journal*, Vol. 110, February 2022.
- “Illinois Minimum Wage Law Updates,” presentation to the McLean County Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Development Center, May 2019.
- “Renewable Energy Construction Contracts: Some Caveat Emptor Tips for Farm Owners and Bidding Contractors,” *Illinois Bar Journal*, Vol. 107 No. 2, February 2019.
- “Forming an Illinois Business Entity,” McLean County Bar Association in conjunction with Lawyers for the Creative Arts, November 2018.
- “Your Estate Plan – Taking Care of Loved Ones and Leaving Your Legacy,” October 2018.
- Program Coordination Chair, “Issues in Employment Law,” April 2018, McLean County Bar Association in conjunction with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce and the Bloomington Normal Human Resources Council.
- Program Coordination Co-Chair, “The Epidemic of Heroin Addiction and Opioid Drug Abuse,” November 2017, a joint effort between the McLean County Bar Association, the Office of the McLean County State’s Attorney, and the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Illinois Central District.
- “A Winter’s Tale – Snow Liability and Construction Law,” *Illinois Bar Journal*, Vol. 105 No. 5, May 2017.
- “General Conditions – Whose Job is it Anyway?,” presented to the ISBA CLE program “Understanding a Construction Contract,” April 2017.
- “Who Would Win – Foreclosure Statute vs. Probate Act,” *Building Knowledge*, Illinois State Bar Association, Vol. 6 No. 2, September 2015.
- “You’re Fired! – Construction Contract Termination Issues,” CLE Presentation to the Illinois State Bar Association, September 2014.
- “In Weather-Tite’s Wake,” *Building Knowledge*, Illinois State Bar Association, Vol. 4 No. 1, October 2013.

- “Construction Defects and CGL Insurance,” presented to the ISBA CLE program “Insurance and Surety Bond Issues for Construction Projects,” May and October 2013.
- “Social Media Promotions and the Law,” Presented at the @AtMidwest Social Media and Business Conference at Heartland Community College, Normal, Illinois June 2012.
- “Environmental Issues with Real Estate Transactions: CERCLA “All Appropriate Inquiry” and Phase 1 Reports,” Presented to the McLean County Bar Association for continuing legal education (CLE) credit, April 2012.
- “Must a Homeowner Establish the Contractor’s State of Mind to State a Claim for a Violation of the Illinois Home Repair and Remodeling Act,” *Building Knowledge*, Illinois State Bar Association, Vol. 2 No. 1, October 2011.
- “Don’t Check Your Common Sense at the Door: Social Media and the Law,” Presented at the @Midwest Social Media and Business Conference at Heartland Community College, Bloomington, Illinois, July 2011. See <http://atmidwest.com/>.
- “How to File a Mechanics Lien Claim in Illinois,” Presented to the Bloomington Normal Area Home Builders Association, April 2011.
- “How (Not) to Work with the EPA and Your State Environmental Agency,” Guest Post for *Construction Law Musings* blog, www.constructionlawva.com , April 2011.
- “Public Insurance Adjuster Contracts and New Licensing Requirements,” *Real Property*, Illinois State Bar Association, Vol. 56 No. 6, April 2011.
- “Which Contract Form Should You Use?” Guest Post for *Construction Law in North Carolina* blog, www.constructionlawnc.com , March 2011.
- “Home Repair and Remodeling Insurance May Not Cover Contractors Violating the Home Repair and Remodeling Act,” *Real Property*, Illinois State Bar Association, Vol. 56 No. 2, November 2010.
- “Protecting the General Contractor Against Claims for Defective Work,” White Paper Presented to the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, Division 5, June 18, 2010 (coauthored).
- “The Illinois Home Repair and Remodeling Act and Recent Court Decisions Involve Important Issues for Builders and Contractors,” *Northern Lights*, Northern Illinois Home Builders Association, February 2010.