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His publication credits include Small Claims Collection, A Smart Guide (IICLE, 2011), *The History of Credit in 4,000 Years or Less* (Loyola Consumer Law Review, Fall, 2013) and Credit Card Litigation (IICLE, 2013).

He was co-author of the NCBA Amicus Brief in *Unifund v. Shah*, 2013 IL App (1st) 113658, 993 N.E.2d 518 and sole counsel in *Jackson v. Blitt & Gaines, P.C.*, 833 F.3d 860, 865 (7th Cir. 2016)

This will be his 10<sup>th</sup> presentation for the ILCBA. He has also presented for the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, IICLE, NCBA, the Conference of Chief Judges of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee and the 1<sup>st</sup> Municipal Department