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Bruce serves as the Chair of Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson's Executive Committee and is the founder of its 19 Member Legal Audit Practice Group. A former prosecutor, Bruce has been providing clients and the legal community with litigation and counseling services for almost three decades. As an active litigator, Bruce's personal practice consists of high profile, complex commercial, insurance, reinsurance, criminal (white collar crime) and professional liability litigation. Bruce also serves as counsel to a number of Fortune 500 companies. As an adjunct to his professional liability practice, Bruce frequently serves as an attorneys' fee expert and has testified before numerous state and federal tribunals. Bruce has conducted or supervised more than 300 legal bill review audits involving over \$2 billion in legal fees and has testified in deposition and trial on more than a dozen occasions. He has also led and supervised numerous non-fee related corporate and governmental investigative/legal audits involving issues ranging from financial fraud and malfeasance to alleged abuses in governmental hiring. Bruce began his career as a prosecutor in the State's Attorney's Office of Cook County, Illinois as an Assistant State Attorney.

Bruce has been a long standing appointee to the Illinois Supreme Court's Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility. Bruce also serves at the pleasure of Illinois' Governor as the State's representative for the re-development projects involving Chicago's McCormick Place Convention Center and Navy Pier.

The subject of numerous news articles and features stories, Bruce's practice was recently featured in the March 2007 issue of The American Lawyer in an article entitled: "Meet Mr. Meckler."

Professional Experience: **Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP**
Chicago, Illinois
February 1994 to Present

- Co-founded and manages general commercial litigation, insurance coverage, attorney fee audit and labor and employment law firm consisting of 85+ lawyers

Phelan, Pope & John, Ltd.
Chicago, Illinois
May 1986 to February 1994

- General commercial litigation at the Federal and State levels, including extensive attorney fee litigation, legal ethics counsel, professional liability, franchise and business dispute litigation.
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Professional Experience: (cont'd)	Pope, Ballard, Shepard & Fowle, Ltd. Chicago, Illinois April 1984 to April 1986 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General commercial litigation, principally responsible for all aspects of litigation, at the Federal, State and Administrative levels, including attorney fee, franchise, legal ethics, UCC, corporate and regulatory litigation
	<hr/> State's Attorney's Office, Cook County, Illinois Chicago, Illinois June 1981 to April 1984 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Actions Bureau, General Litigation Division, extensive civil litigation and appellate work, including civil prosecution of Cook County Board of Tax Appeal's defendants and People's Energy reorganization lawsuit.
Education:	John Marshall Law School <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Juris Doctor</i>, June 1981, with high distinction- Order of John Marshall
	<hr/> Bradley University <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Bachelor of Arts</i>, June 1977
Bar Admissions:	<hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Illinois, November 1981- US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, November 1981 (including Trial Bar, February 1983)- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, September 1982- US District Court for the District of Arizona, May 1991- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, December 1995- US District Court for the District of Colorado, 2002- US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, January 2005- US Supreme Court, March 2005 <hr/>

Professional Affiliations:

- Illinois Judicial Inquiry Committee (2009 - Current)
- Director and Vice-Chairman, Metropolitan Pier and Exhibition Authority, Chicago, Illinois
- Appointed by Illinois Supreme Court to Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility
- Member, Board of Trustees, John Marshall Law School
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation
- Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America
- National Association of Legal Fee Analysis
- Illinois Leading Lawyers
- Advisory Board - Illinois Leading Lawyers
- Illinois Super Lawyers
- Chicago Bar Association
- Past-Chairman - Chicago Bar Association Tort Litigation Committee
- Past-Chairman - Illinois Legal Needs Study
- Member - Chicago Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Committee
- Faculty Member - National Institute of Trial Advocacy
- Co-Chairman and Faculty Member - Chicago Bar Association (YLS) Trial Practice Course and Task Force
- ABA Committee on Prosecution and Defense of RICO
- Board of Directors - Center For Enriched Living, Highland Park, Illinois
- Board of Directors - Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago

Articles and Speaking:

- Frequent speaker on reasonableness of attorneys' fees.
 - Panelist at Council on Litigation Management Annual Conference session on Rethinking Legal Strategies in the New World (March 2010)
 - Panelist at Professional Liability Underwriting Society International Conference on Managing Rising Defense and E-Discovery Costs (November 2009)
 - Panelist at Council on Litigation Management Annual Conference session on Strategies for Litigation Management (March 2009)
 - Speaker at the National Association of Legal Fee Analysis Program "Attorney Fee Disputes in a Volatile and Uncertain Economy" (March 2009)
 - Chaired Conference at Professional Liability Underwriters Society Conference (November 2004) on How to Avoid the Runaway Claims: Strategies for the Prevention and Control of Runaway Professional Liability Claim Costs.
 - Monthly columnist for Mealey's Attorney Fees.
 - Chaired Attorneys' Fees Conference sponsored by Mealey's (April 1998).
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**Articles and
Speaking:
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- Participated in Legal Fee Roundtable Discussion in Corporate Legal Times and Illinois Legal Times (October 1994) and in Legal Audit Review (Third Issue 1995).
 - Spoke and presented paper styled The Examination and Determination of "Reasonable and Necessary" Legal Fees and Billing Practices at the American Bar Association Litigation Committee-Insurance Coverage Section (February 1996)
 - "Unreasonable Billing -- An Analysis of Practices," The Journal of Legal Auditing (1996)
 - "Billing Judgment -- What Is It? Do You Have It?" Mealey's Attorney Fees (May 1997)
 - "The Ethics of Legal Fee Arrangments," Mealey's Attorney Fees (August 1997)
 - "The Insurability of Prevailing Party Legal Fees," Mealey's Attorney Fees (September 1997)- "Fee Dispute Tips of Insurers, Insureds and Counsel in *Cumis* Situations," Mealey's Attorney Fees (October 1997)
 - "Survey of State Arbitration Provisions," Mealey's Attorney Fees (November 1997)
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