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Edet D. Nsemo is a results?driven litigator focused on high?stakes business disputes, defense of consumer and premises claims for national brands, and complex coverage and title matters with bankruptcy intersections.

Clients ranging from national home?improvement retailers and quick?service restaurant franchisors to global industrial manufacturers trust Edet to drive dispositive motion practice, craft disciplined investigations, and position cases for efficient resolution or wins on the merits.

Edet emphasizes early case assessment and targeted motion strategy to narrow or defeat claims at the pleading and summary?judgment stages. He frequently serves as lead counsel in consumer, contract, and premises litigation, securing dismissals with prejudice under state procedural rules, preserving victories against post?judgment challenges, and drafting and arguing summary judgment by invoking statutes of repose and related defenses. He advises national brands in customer?facing and employment disputes and prioritizes clear, proactive client communication—explaining where we are, where we are going, and how we intend to get there—so clients can make informed decisions. He also tracks evolving legal?industry trends, including responsible adoption of AI, and integrates vetted tools to enhance efficiency and insight without compromising judgment or confidentiality. Admitted in Illinois, he also routinely collaborates with Tucker Ellis colleagues on matters in California, Georgia, and Nevada.

As an integral member of the firm’s title and coverage team, Edet partners with title insurers and insureds to investigate, resolve, and litigate title defects and coverage disputes, including matters with bankruptcy overlays. His work includes developing complaints for declaratory relief that culminate in stipulated judgments shielding insureds from significant asserted liabilities and contributing to published in rem bar orders under § 362(d)(4) that deter stay abuse and support dismissal.

A Marine combat veteran with valor distinction and a Purple Heart, Edet brings battlefield?tested focus, discipline, and composure under pressure to his legal practice. He concluded his service at the Pentagon, interacting daily with four?star generals and the Secretary of Defense—experience that translates to mission?driven leadership, clear communication with C?suite decision?makers, and precise execution.

Outside of work, he enjoys time with his growing family, White Sox baseball, and writing stand?up comedy.

Education

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D., 2019); Phillip H. Corboy Fellow in Trial Advocacy; Gary David Friedman Excellence in Advocacy Award; In Vino Veritas National Mock Trial Competition; National Trial Competition – Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Loyola University Chicago (B.A. in Political Science and Government, 2016)

State Admissions

- Illinois, 2019

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Service Areas

- Business Litigation
- Bankruptcy

Experience

- Served as lead counsel for a national home-improvement retailer and installer of windows, siding, and doors, successfully narrowing a consumer dispute by prevailing in part on a motion to dismiss that eliminated deceptive trade practices and consumer fraud claims without prejudice, thereby focusing the litigation on contract issues and positioning the matter for efficient resolution
- As lead counsel for a national home-improvement retailer and installer, conducted targeted factual investigation and strategic motion practice in a residential installation dispute involving an approximately mid–five-figure demand, which facilitated negotiations and culminated in a favorable confidential resolution after the court limited statutory and fraud causes of action
- As lead counsel for a global industrial manufacturer and maintenance provider, obtained dismissal with prejudice under Indiana Trial Rules based on statute-of-limitations and relation-back principles, and later defeated the plaintiff's Motion to Correct Error under Trial Rule 59, preserving the dismissal and avoiding exposure to revived claims
- Lead counsel for a global industrial equipment manufacturer and maintenance provider in premises-liability litigation; developed a dispositive defense strategy grounded in Indiana Trial Rules 15(C) and 17(F) and controlling Supreme Court precedent; secured dismissal with prejudice and sustained that result against post-judgment challenge, ensuring finality without settlement payment
- As lead counsel for a national quick-service restaurant franchisor, advised on and led defense strategy in customer-facing litigation arising from store-level operations, directing early case assessment, targeted discovery, and motion practice to limit claims and exposure and negotiating confidential resolutions that protected brand reputation while minimizing defense costs
- Served as lead counsel for a national quick-service restaurant franchisor in a labor-and-employment dispute, implementing a proactive investigation and legal strategy that leveraged procedural defenses and risk-based mediation to achieve a confidential, favorable outcome without admission of liability
- In a consumer action, prevailed on a motion to dismiss key statutory claims and subsequently negotiated a resolution exceeding 50% of the plaintiff's original demand, leveraging the improved litigation posture created by the pleading-stage win to secure a favorable settlement on confidential terms
- Secured dismissal under Indiana Trial Rules for a premises-liability claim against a global industrial manufacturer and later prevailed on the plaintiff's Motion to Correct Error, reinforcing the statute-of-limitations defense and preserving dismissal with prejudice
- In title insurance litigation with a bankruptcy overlay, served as an integral member of the team and was instrumental in filing a complaint for declaratory relief that resulted in a stipulated judgment relieving the insured from paying the $2.1 million sought by the trustee by establishing bona fide purchaser protections and equitable priority doctrines
- In bankruptcy proceedings involving mixed real estate collateral, served as part of the team whose work resulted in a published in rem bar order under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(4) in the matter

of *In re Pacific Panorama LLC* and supported a subsequent dismissal, prospectively preventing further stay abuse and enabling the secured creditor to proceed without further bankruptcy interference
- Served as counsel for an individual executive of a marketing services firm and was instrumental in developing a litigation strategy that resulted in dismissal at the pleading stage of piercing-the-corporate-veil theories, eliminating personal-exposure claims
- As counsel for a regional building-products manufacturer and its owners, successfully argued improper venue and secured transfer of the action to the county where the contract was negotiated, performed, and breached, aligning the forum with the operative transaction
- As counsel for a global industrial equipment manufacturer and service provider, drafted and successfully argued the motion for summary judgment on negligence allegations tied to historic design and installation by invoking Illinois's construction and product-liability statutes of repose (735 ILCS 5/13-214(b); 735 ILCS 5/13-213) and demonstrating that the alleged acts predated the client's involvement and fell outside the applicable repose periods

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "The FTC's Attack on Non-Compete Agreements: Are Your Trade Secrets at Risk?", Tucker Ellis In-House Counsel Summit (November 2023)
- "State of the Law: Insights into the Duty to Defend and Independent Counsel Appointments," CLE presentation (November 2025)

PUBLICATIONS

- "What Legal Leaders Can Learn From Marine Corps Principles," *Law360* (February 2026)
- "SCOTUS Rejects the 'Innocent Spouse' Defense and Denies Discharge of Fraudulent Debt," California Land Title Association Hot Sheet (Winter 2025)
- "Proposed Rule Banning Noncompetes: Taking Stock as Comments Flood the FTC," *Reuters Legal News* (March 2023)

In the Community

- Illinois Bar Association
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
  - » Pathfinder Program (2025)
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy