

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Donald Ramsell has the proud distinction of having argued *Illinois v. Lidster*, a DUI/roadblock case, before the United States Supreme Court. In the past 24 years, his law firm has defended over 13,000 drivers. He is Board Certified in DUI Defense; the NCDD State Delegate for Illinois and a Sustaining Member of the National College for DUI Defense. Don is also a Certified Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor.

Donald's book, "Illinois DUI Law and Practice Guidebook" was published by West Publishing in 2009. The second edition of Ramsell's co-authored national book, "Inside the Mind: Understanding DUI Scientific Evidence" published by Aspatore Books, was just released in April.

In 2008, Don was added as a contributing Board Member to the nationally acclaimed 'DWI Journal: Law & Science'. Also in 2008, Donald Ramsell completed reliability hearings ordered by the Illinois Supreme Court regarding the sobriety test known as 'horizontal gaze nystagmus'.

Donald is the only Illinois Attorney identified as an Illinois Super Lawyer in DUI Defense in 2009. Ramsell has presented to DUI Attorneys in New Orleans, Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, Illinois, Nevada, Massachusetts, Missouri, the Bahamas and nationwide through webinars at Thomson-West Publishing.

Donald is a Past President of the DuPage County Bar Association (2,000 Members) a past ABA Delegate, and Past President of the DuPage County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. Don is also a former Chair of the Illinois State Bar Association Traffic Law Section Council and an ISBA State delegate. Don has appeared on Oprah Winfrey, ABC's 20/20, Nancy Grace, Hannity & Colmes, and his cases have been featured in London's Financial Times and mentioned in over 229 newspapers worldwide.

In 2006, Ramsell successfully fought and obtained orders compelling the ISP Breath Testing Section to begin downloading and turning over the internal memory of the breath testing machines, which has revealed numerous errors in breath testing equipment being used across Illinois.

In 2005, Chicago Magazine© first named Donald Ramsell an "Illinois Super Lawyer". He has been so identified again in 2006 2007 and 2009. Also, Donald Ramsell became the first Illinois attorney ever to become Board Certified in the area of DUI Defense under the [American Bar Association](#)'s standards, through the National College for DUI Defense.

In 2004, the Chicago Sun Times identified Mr. Ramsell as one of the top 5 DUI Defense Attorneys in the State of Illinois.

In 1999, after a two year investigation, Ramsell discovered that the Department of Public Health had failed to perform critical testing on breath testing equipment, causing test results to be suppressed

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across the state. Later that same year, the IDPH was forced to turn over control of the entire program to the State Police.

In 1998, Ramsell successfully proved that the Intoxilyzer 5000 (Series 6400 and 6600) breath testing instrument software had been rigged to produce false negative air blank results, causing all breath tests using that model to become inadmissible in the State of Illinois.

In 1988, Ramsell discovered that the statewide breath testing program was falsifying testing documents, again causing thousands of tests to become suspect.

In 1986, Donald J. Ramsell discovered that the statewide breath testing program was using questionable procedures in certifying breathalyzers, causing thousands of tests to become disputed, and forcing immediate changes in the program.

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| Education: | Juris Doctor, Law Degree, DePaul University | 1984 |
| | Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, Loyola University | 1981 |
| Offices: | President, DuPage County Bar Association | 2002-2003 |
| | State Delegate, National College for DUI Defense | 2005-Present |
| | President, DuPage County Bar Foundation | 2003-2004 |
| | President, DuPage County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association | 2000-2001 |
| | ISBA Assembly Member | 2004-Present |
| | Chair, Judiciary Committee, DuPage County Bar Association | 2003-2004 |
| | Chair, ISBA Traffic Law & Courts Section Council | 2004-2005 |
| | Vice-Chair, ISBA Traffic Law & Courts Section Council | 2003-2004 |
| | Delegate, American Bar Association | 2002-2003 |
| | President-Elect, DuPage County Bar Association | 2001-2002 |
| | Planning Committee Chairperson, DuPage County Bar Association | 2001-2002 |
| | Second Vice President, DuPage County Bar Association | 2000-2001 |
| | Member, Mental Health Court Committee, DuPage County Health Dept. | 2000-2001 |
| | Third Vice President, DuPage County Bar Association | 1999-2000 |
| | Chair, Lawyer Referral Service Committee, DBCA | 1999-2000 |
| | Chair, Membership Committee, DuPage County Bar Association | 1999-2000 |
| | Director, DuPage County Bar Association | 1998-1999 |
| | Chair, Entertainment Committee, DuPage County Bar Association | 1998-1999 |
| | Member, Traffic Laws & Courts Section Council, ISBA | 1997-Present |
| | Chair, Judges' Nite, DuPage County Bar Association | 1996-1997 |
| | Member, DCBA Judiciary Committee | 1994-1996 |

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| Past & Present Memberships: | U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society |
| | National Association of Bar Presidents |
| | National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers |
| | National College of DUI Defense (Sustaining Membership Awarded July 2007) |

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Illinois State Bar Association
DuPage County Bar Association
Kane County Bar Association
Northwest Suburban Bar Association
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
American Bar Association

Admittances: United States Supreme Court 1989-present
U.S. Court of Appeals, 7TH Circuit 1986-present
Northern District of Illinois 1985-present
Illinois Supreme Court 1984-present
Wisconsin Supreme Court 1989-present

Editor: DWI Newsletter, Regional Editor circa 1988
DuPage County Criminal Defense Lawyers Newsletter 2000-2001

Board Membership: DWI Journal: Law and Science 2008-present

Publications:

“Scientific Evidence Standards in DUI Cases” Chapter Author, Inside the Minds: Understanding DUI Scientific Evidence, Second Edition (2009) Aspatore Books ISBN 978-0-314-90467-6

“Preliminary Breath Screening Devices and Their Limitations” Chapter Author, Inside the Minds: Understanding DUI Scientific Evidence, Second Edition (2009) Aspatore Books ISBN 978-0-314-90467-6

“Using the Sixth Amendment To Discover What You Need to Win Your Drunk Driving Case” Parts 1 and 2 DWI Journal: Law & Science, Volume 24, Nos. 3-4 March 2009

“The Use of Defense Experts at Trial” Chapter Author, Inside the Minds: Understanding DUI Scientific Evidence, Second Edition (2009) Aspatore Books ISBN 978-0-314-90467-6

“Defending DUI Refusals in Jury Trial Cases – Practical Tips” DWI Journal: Law & Science, Vol. 23 No. 2 pp.3-8 (February 2008)

“DUI Attorney: Both Lawyer and Scientist” Chapter Author, Inside the Minds: Understanding DUI Scientific Evidence, (2007) Aspatore Books ISBN 978-0-314-97967-4

“A Review of Recent U.S. Supreme Court Cases and their Application to DUI/DWI Fact Scenarios and Issues” DWI Journal: Law &

Science, Volume 22, No. 9 September 2007

“The Effect of 9/11 on the United States Supreme Court – The Shrinking of Fourth (and Fifth) Amendment Freedoms in Response to Terrorism”, Adelphia Law Journal, Volume 15, pp. 9-50 (2007)

“Illinois DUIs and Wisconsin OWIs: *The Acronym is the Least of the Differences*”, (reprint) The Docket (Lake County Bar Association) Sept. 2007 Vol. XIV No. 9

“Handling OWI Cases for those !@#! Illinois Drivers”, Wisconsin Lawyer, March 2007

“Alcohol Monitoring Ankle Bracelets in DUI Cases (SCRAM)”, ISBA Traffic Law & Courts Newsletter, Vol. 16, No. 3, March 2007

“Using the Confrontation Clause to Win DUI Cases”, Illinois Traffic Law & Courts Newsletter Jan. 2005

“Illinois v. Lidster: A View from the Inside” DCBA Bar Brief, DuPage County Bar Association April 2004

“Field Sobriety Testing”, Chapter Author, Defending DUI and Related Cases, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education 2004

“Are all Breath Tests Taken in Illinois Between 1986 and 2000 Invalid? Two Recent Developments Suggest That They Are.” ISBA Traffic Laws & Courts Newsletter, Vol. 12, No. 2, November 2002

“Every Lawyers Guide to DUI” Illinois Bar Journal, June 2002

“Field Sobriety Testing; Science v. Law” DuPage Bar Brief, March 2002

“Field Sobriety Tests in Illinois: Valid Psychophysical Tests or Voodoo Science?”, ISBA Traffic Laws & Courts Newsletter, Vol. 11, No. 2, February 2002

Illinois DUI Fact Book 2001-2002, ISBA, Contributing Author

“Recent Developments in DUI Law” DCBA Brief, June 2000

“Effective Closing Arguments in DUI Cases” Illinois Bar Journal, May 2000

“Breathalyzer Logbooks – What they don’t and won’t tell you”, ISBA

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Traffic Laws & Courts Newsletter, Vol. 8, NO. 3, April 1999

[“Criminal Trial Case Study, The Trial of a DUI”](#) DCBA Brief,
January 1998

[“A Practical Guide to Summary Suspension Law”](#), Illinois Bar Journal,
August 1997

[“Foreign Substances and Breath Testing”](#), ISBA Newsletter,
January 1997

“Summary Suspension Issues and Use of Experts in DUI Jury Trials”
DCBA Brief, October 1993

“A Practical Approach to A Successful Summary Suspension Hearing”
DCBA Brief, September 1992

“Impeaching 10,000 Breath Alcohol Tests: The Solution is the Solution,”
DWI Journal, February 1989

“Impeaching Infrared Absorption Breath Test Devices,” DWI Journal,
March 1988

“Cross Examination of the Breath Alcohol Test Operator, Testimony of
the Observation-Period Requirement,” DWI Journal, August 1987

“A Practical Guide to the New DUI Laws” Illinois Bar Journal,
July 1986

Media Features:

ABC's 20/20
The Oprah Winfrey Show
The Aaron Freeman Show
Justice Files, Discovery Channel
Chicago Tribune, Front Page of Metro Section
Daily Herald, Front Page
Chicago Sun Times, Front Page
Kane County Chronicle
Court TV
Hannity & Colmes, Fox News Channel
Washington Post
New York Times
CNN Headline News
Boston Globe
Houston Chronicle

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Christian Science Monitor
WGN Television
WLS Television
WMAQ Television
WBBM Television
Fox Television, Chicago
MSNBC News Channel
CLTV News Channel
Road & Track Magazine, February 2002
Reason Magazine
Financial Times (US & London Editions) 2004
Lawyers Weekly USA 2004
Over 229 Newspapers across America
Over 75 Radio Interviews across America

**Recent Seminars
Presented:**

“BAIID and SCRAM Devices” ISBA Traffic Law Seminar Bloomington
IL 9-25-09

“Beating a Breath Test on the State’s Dime” Cook County Public
Defenders Association, Oak Brook IL
September 11, 2009

“Discovering What You Need to Win (6th Amendment)” National
College for DUI Defense, Nassau
Bahamas, January 15, 2009

“New MDDP Laws, BAIID and SCRAM Devices” ISBA Midyear
Meeting, Chicago IL December 11, 2008

MDDP BAIID and SCRAM, Illinois State Bar Association, Bloomington
IL November 21, 2008

“BAIID and SCRAM Devices” Northwest Suburban Bar Ass’n and
DuPage Criminal Defense Lawyers Ass’n,
November 6, 2008

“DUI Defense with Don Ramsell” National Webinar, Thomson Reuters
Publishing Company, October 30, 2008

“Traffic Laws: Updates on Legislation and Case Law” Chicago Bar
Association, September 24, 2008

“BAIID/SCRAM Devices” CLE Fest St. Louis, Illinois State Bar

Association, Saint Louis Missouri June 26, 2008

Mastering Scientific Evidence (Defense Attorney Mock Trial) *Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association*, March 27-29, 2008 Dallas Texas.

Illinois Jury Trials involving Scientific Issues, *IICLE DUI Advocacy Seminar*, Peoria IL March 17-18 2008

Illinois DUI Jury and Bench Trial Techniques, *Illinois State Bar Association*, March 8, 2008, Oakbrook IL

D.U.I. Issues, *Illinois Public Defender Association Spring Seminar*, Springfield Illinois, November 17, 2007

DUI Information, *DuPage County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association*, Monthly Dinner, November 15, 2007

Jury Trial Techniques in DUI Cases, *Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan*, Traverse City, Michigan November 3, 2007.

Alcohol Testing Issues, *ISBA*, Springfield Illinois March 3, 2007

“Illinois Field Sobriety Testing” *IICLE*, March 2007, Peoria Illinois

Breath Testing Machines, Blood Testing, Rules and Regulations, *ISBA*, October 28, 2006, Rockford Illinois

NWSBA Seminar: DUI Tricks and Traps, *Northwest Suburban Bar Association*, Rolling Meadows IL 10/18/06

Pretrial Substantive Motions in DUI Cases, *Chicago Bar Association*, April 27, 2006

“Illinois Search and Seizure Law for Vehicles” *ISBA*, March 2006, Chicago and Oak Brook, Illinois

“Illinois Field Sobriety Testing; Illinois Breath and Blood Defenses”, *IICLE*, March 2006, Peoria and Chicago Illinois

Traffic Law Issues and Update, *ISBA*, September 2005, Collinsville IL

Hot Topics in Traffic Law, *Chicago Bar Association*, May, 2005

“Illinois Field Sobriety Testing” *Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, March 2005, Oak Brook and Springfield IL

“DUI Means Defending, Understanding and Innovating”, Program Moderator, *Illinois State Bar Association*, March & April 2005, Oak Brook and Springfield, IL

Getting Started in Dupage County, *DCBA* November 18, 2004

“Closing Arguments in Criminal Jury Trials” *DuPage Association of Women Lawyers*, October, 2004
Lisle Illinois

“DUI Trial Tips and Practice” *Illinois Traffic Court Conference*, Panel Moderator, April 2004 Oak Brook and June, 2004 Peoria

“DUI & Field Sobriety Testing: A Practical Guide for Defense Attorneys and Prosecutors” *Chicago Bar Association*, March 3, 2004

“DUI Defense and Jury Trials” *West Suburban Bar Association*, October 2003

“DUI Forfeitures and Blood Testing” *Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers*, Champaign, IL, June 2003

“Field Sobriety Testing” 38th *Illinois Traffic Conference*, Bradley University, June 2003

“DUI and Blood Draws: A Practical Guide for the Defense” *Chicago Bar Association*, March 2003

“Standardized Field Sobriety Testing” Panel Discussion, *Illinois State Bar Association*, March & April 2003, Oak Brook and Springfield, IL

Moderator, *Illinois State Bar Association* Field Sobriety Testing Panel, March & April 2003

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“Field Sobriety Testing” *Illinois State Bar Association*, April, 2002,
Springfield, IL

“Field Sobriety Testing” *Illinois State Bar Association*, March 2002,
Oak Brook, IL

“Field Sobriety Testing” DuPage County Bar Association, February
2002

Criminal Law Seminar, DuPage County Bar Association, January 2002

Illinois Public Defenders Conference, 2002

Illinois Attorneys for Criminal Justice, 2002

“DUI Defense” DuPage County Bar Association, September 2001

“Pre-Trial Motions, Requests to Admit, and Bill of Particulars in DUI
Cases”, Illinois State Bar Association, March 2001 Oak Brook
Springfield, IL

“Practice Tips for the Prosecution and Defense of DUI”, Illinois State
Bar Association, February & March 2000

Kane County Violent Crimes Defense Seminar, Office of the State
Appellate Defender, August 1999, Geneva, IL

“Closing Arguments in DUI Cases”, Illinois State Bar Association,
February and March 1999, Oak Brook and Bloomington, IL

“Secretary of State Hearings and Breath/Blood Alcohol Testing”,
Kane County Bar Association, February 1998

“Freedom of Information Act and Breathalyzer Repair Records”, Illinois
State Bar Association, April 1997, Springfield and Oak Brook, IL

Joint Civil/Criminal Law Seminar, DuPage County Bar Association,
January 1996

“Update on DUI Law”, DuPage County Bar Association, October 1995

Law Practice Management Seminar, DuPage County Bar Association,
September 1995

Civil/Criminal Joint Seminar, DCBA, April 1995

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Criminal Law Seminar, Kane County Bar Association, March, 1995

Criminal Law Seminar, DuPage County Bar Association, Sept.1993

DuPage County Bar Association, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994

Ill. Dept. Public Health Breath Test Operators Conference, 1986-87-88

Awards: Outstanding Author, DuPage Bar Association 1992-1993

Columns: DUI Corner, DuPage Bar Briefs

Certifications: Board Certified in DUI Defense, NCDD/ABA Standards, January 2005
National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration Field Sobriety
Student Course, San Francisco, California
National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration Field Sobriety
Instructor Course, Nashville, Tennessee
Intox EC/IR and EC/IR II Training Seminar, 9/20/06

National Seminars Attended:

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – DUI Las Vegas
October 8-10 2009
Team Co-Instructor, National College for DUI Defense Summer 2009
National College for DUI Defense Winter Session 2009
Team Co-Instructor, National College for DUI Defense Summer 2008
National College for DUI Defense Winter Session 2008
Team Instructor, National College for DUI Defense Summer 2007
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – DUI 2007
National College for DUI Defense Winter Session 2007
National College for DUI Defense Summer 2006
National College for DUI Defense Winter Session 2006
National College for DUI Defense Summer 2005
National College for DUI Defense Winter Session 2005
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – DUI 2004
National College for DUI Defense Summer 2004
National College for DUI Defense Summer 2001

Experience: Attended over 100 Criminal Defense and DUI Seminars
Defended over 10,000 DUI cases as an attorney
Tried over 500 DUI and Criminal Bench Trials
Tried over 100 DUI and Criminal Jury Trials
Written over 25 Appellate Briefs
Qualified as an Expert on Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

Published Appeals:

[People v. Bavone](#), --- N.E.2d ----, 2009 WL 3030400, Ill.App. 2 Dist.2009,
[People v. Morris](#), --- N.E.2d ----, 2009 WL 3048428, Ill.App. 2 Dist.2009
People v. Carpenter, 385 Ill.App.3d 156, 895 N.E.2d 24, (2d Dist. 2008)
People v. Aleliunaite, 379 Ill.App.3d 975, 885 N.E.2d 463, (2d Dist. 2008)
People v. Mizaur, 376 Ill.App.3d 1066, 877 N.E.2d 1185, 315 Ill.Dec. 856, Ill.App. 2 Dist., October 25, 2007
People v. Brown, 374 Ill.App.3d 385, 871 N.E.2d 931, 313 Ill.Dec. 204, Ill.App. 2 Dist., June 29, 2007
People v. So Young Kim, 368 Ill.App.3d 717, 859 N.E.2d 92, 307 Ill.Dec. 92, Ill.App. 2 Dist., November 16, 2006
People v. Trimarco, 364 Ill.App.3d 549, 846 N.E.2d 1008, 301 Ill.Dec. 405, Ill.App. 2 Dist., April 11, 2006
People v. Feddor, 355 Ill.App.3d 325, 823 N.E.2d 217, 291 Ill.Dec. 207, Ill.App. 2 Dist., Feb 02, 2005
People v. Cortez, 361 Ill.App.3d 456, 837 N.E.2d 449, 297 Ill.Dec. 366, Ill.App. 2 Dist., Oct 14, 2005
People v. 1995 Ford Van, VIN 1FTJE34GOSHA15603, 348 Ill.App.3d 303, (2d Dist., May 07, 2004)
Illinois v. Lidster Illinois v. Lidster, 540 U.S. 419, 124 S.Ct. 885, 157 L.Ed.2d 843 (2004)
People v. Hernandez 02-03-1098 (Rule 23 Decided 11-03-04)
People v. Rosinski 813 N.E.2d 1078, Ill.App.2Dist., 2004.
People v. Synnott 811 N.E.2d 236, Ill.App. 2 Dist., 2004.
People v. Rozela 345 Ill.App.3d 217 (2d. Dist. 2003)
People v. James Kelly 344 Ill.App.3d 1058 (2d. Dist. 2003)
People v. Blankschein 337 Ill. App. 3d 526 (2d Dist. 2003)
City of Naperville v. Schiavo 327 Ill. App. 3d 230 (2d Dist. 2002)
People v. O'Neill 329 Ill. App. 3d 213 (2d Dist. 2002)
People v. Poncar 323 Ill. App. 3d 702 (2d 2001)
People v. Hruza 312 Ill. App. 3d 319 (2d 2000)
People v. Gemeny 313 Ill. App. 3d 902 (2d Dist. 2000)
People v. Petty 311 Ill. App. 3d 301 (2d Dist. 2000)
Village of Bloomingdale v. Meline 309 Ill. App. 3d 389 (2d 1999)
People v. Thill 297 Ill. App. 3d 7 (2d Dist. 1998)
People v. Gallegos 293 Ill. App. 3d 873 (3rd Dist. 1997)
People v. Bavas 251 Ill. App. 3d 720 (2d dist. 1993)
People v. Diaz 247 Ill. App. 3d 625 (2d Dist. 1993)
People v. Simac 236 Ill. App. 3d 1096 (2d Dist.1992)
People v. Burke 220 Ill. App. 3d 839 (1st dist. 1991)
People v. Lendabarker 268 Ill. App. 3d 170 (2d Dist. 1991)
People v. Kilpatrick 216 Ill. App. 3d 875 (2d Dist. 1991)
People v. Bulman 212 Ill. App. 3d 795 (1st Dist. 1991)

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People v. Krueger 208 Ill. App. 3d 897 (2d Dist. 1991)
People v. Madsen 196 Ill. App. 3d 220 (2d Dist. 1990)
People v. LaRosa 198 Ill. App. 3d 862 (1st Dist. 1990)
People v. Ramsell, 266 Ill.App.3d 297, 301, 203 Ill.Dec. 825, 640
N.E.2d 975, 978 (1994)
People v. Tritthardt 195 Ill. App. 3d 167 (2d Dist. 1990)
People v. Spence 188 Ill. App. 3d 761 (2d Dist. 1989)
People v. Phillipi 186 Ill. App. 3d 353 (2d Dist. 1989)
People v. England 188 Ill. App. 3d 9 (2d Dist. 1989)

Trial Cases Reported:

People v. DiPace 354 Ill.App.3d 104, 108, 288 Ill.Dec. 839, 818 N.E.2d
774 (2d Dist. 2004)
People v. Baltzer 327 Ill.App.3d 222, 261 Ill.Dec. 247, 762 N.E.2d 1174
(2d Dist. 2002)
People v. Kamide 254 Ill. App. 3d 67 (2d Dist. 1993)

Certification Courses Taught:

Instructor, NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
March 15-17, 2002, Wheaton, IL

Instructor, NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
October 2002, Wheaton, IL