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Education

Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2013

- Order of the Coif
- Northwestern University Law Review, Colloquy Editor
- American Constitution Society, Co-President
- Student Bar Association, Class Representative to the Honor Code Board of Appeals
- Julius H. Miner Moot Court, Problem Editor (2013)
- Tom Geraghty Leadership Award recipient
- Award-winning teaching assistant

Yale College, B.A., 2005

- Ethics, Politics & Economics (EP&E)
- Music, with distinction

Professional Associations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

William M. Strom joined Palmersheim & Mathew LLP as an associate in 2020. Bill is a trial lawyer, litigator, and counselor with experience in complex commercial litigation, business torts, professional liability, commercial arbitration, civil rights litigation, putative class-action and derivative suits, internal investigations, and First Amendment defense. Bill has represented clients in both state and federal court and at both the trial and appellate levels. Bill's extensive pro bono practice includes criminal defense and prisoner's rights litigation, including a jury verdict in his client's favor in a Section 1983 prisoner's rights case in December 2019. Bill previously worked as an associate at a large international litigation firm and as a law fellow in the Children and Families Practice Group at LAF (now Legal Aid Chicago), where he focused on education law. From 2014-2015, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Sue E. Myerscough of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

Bill received his B.A. in 2005 from Yale College, completing major fields of study in the Program on Ethics, Politics, and Economics (EP&E) and the Department of Music, from which he was graduated with distinction. He received his J.D. in 2013 from Northwestern University School of Law, where he was graduated cum laude and elected to the Order of the Coif. While at Northwestern, Bill was Colloquy Editor of the Northwestern University Law Review, co-president of the campus chapter of the American Constitution Society, a three-time elected class representative to the Student Bar Association, an award-winning teaching assistant, and the recipient of the Tom Geraghty Leadership Award. Before law school, Bill was a 2005 Teach For America corps member, working as an elementary school teacher and high school football coach in Mission, South Dakota, on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

In the community, Bill serves on the Board of Governors of the Chicago Council of Lawyers and the Executive Committee of Legal Aid Chicago's Ambassadors Board. He is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois and a member of the Trial Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He is admitted to practice in Illinois and Wisconsin.

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Civic Involvement

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Experience

- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Business Torts
- Professional Liability
- Commercial Arbitration
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Putative Class-Action and Derivative Suits
- Internal Investigations
- First Amendment Defense
- Criminal Defense
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Obtained jury verdict in a Section 1983 prisoner's rights case in December 2019