



Vilia Dedinas is a seasoned litigator with 30 years of experience in complex civil litigation. She has worked at major Chicago law firms, including Jenner & Block, as well as highly regarded boutiques, and has litigated and arbitrated a wide variety of complex civil cases, including contract disputes, loan and guaranty disputes, fraud, construction and design defect, intellectual property, and environmental litigation.

Over the past few years, Vilia led the prosecution of a business fraud claim against an orthopedic practice that her colleagues Chris Gair, Tom Heisler, and Ryan Laurie tried in 2017, securing a \$2 million jury verdict. She also successfully defended a charitable organization against an undue influence claim in which a decedent's foreign relative sought to invalidate his uncle's charitable gifts made through a testamentary trust.

Other recent cases involved a lawsuit and successful settlement for a minority director and shareholder in an independent Chicago-based fiber internet company, defending a nationwide beverage manufacturer in a multimillion dollar requirements contract dispute, winning summary judgment on an attorneys' lien claim in federal court in *Regas, Dallas & Frezados v. FDIC*, and the successful resolution of a complex commercial foreclosure lawsuit and a related \$30 million counterclaim against the bank in *United Central Bank v. Kanan Fashions, et al.* As part of the latter case, her discovery of the destruction of key electronic evidence by the defendants resulted in a \$344,000 sanction and a favorable factual presumption at trial in favor of her clients.

Vilia graduated *summa cum laude* from Fordham University with a Bachelor of Science in psychology, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, played Division I women's volleyball, and was the president of the Fordham Debate Society. She graduated from the University of Chicago Law School, where she was a semifinalist in the Hinton Moot Court competition, as well as the coach of the University of Chicago Debate Society.

Vilia also has extensive experience in probate court representing guardians of disabled persons (or their estates), clients seeking to remove malfeasant guardians, as well as allegedly disabled individuals who wish to resist guardianship or seek restoration of capacity.



Vilia also represents clients in disputed decedents' estates, including issues of adequate capacity and undue influence.

Vilia lives in Elmhurst with her family, enjoys tennis, hiking, skiing, and is a candidate for a masters of science in neurobiology at Northwestern University.

