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The Firm: A prominent firm on Chicago's coverage litigation scene, this firm is recognized for its work on behalf of insurance companies, and for Allstate in particular. Its "focused and assertive approach" to litigating works to good effect as clients praise the firm's ability to "combine expertise in critical interrelated insurance and reinsurance issues." From simple advice on a single issue to litigation through trial and appeal on multiple consolidated cases, this firm demonstrates "extensive strength" at both partner and associate levels, which is underpinned by "solid and seamless office support."

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