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# Joel Bertocchi Recognized by Law.com as Litigator of the Week

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Akerman Partner [Joel Bertocchi](#) was recognized by *Law.com* as a Litigator of the Week after helping secure a significant appellate victory for Mead Johnson. Working alongside co-counsel, Joel successfully argued for the application of Illinois' learned intermediary doctrine, leading the Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court to reverse a \$60 million jury verdict in a high-profile product liability case involving infant formula. The decision established an important appellate precedent regarding manufacturers' duty to warn in the hospital setting. In the accompanying interview, Joel discussed the appellate strategy, the team's collaborative approach, and the broader significance of the court's ruling for future litigation.

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