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RELATED SERVICES

- Commercial Litigation
- Trucking
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- Product Liability
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- Transportation
- Mobility & Gig Economy
- Environmental & Toxic Tort
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OVERVIEW

Kelly V. Milam has significant litigation experience. She concentrates her practice in trucking, transportation casualty, construction, commercial law and real estate litigation. She works closely with businesses, financial institutions, real estate owners and developers and their shareholders/owners in various aspects of litigation, problem solving and general business representation and defense.

In addition, Kelly defends employers in employment litigation, including claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wage and hour violations.

Kelly has a proven ability to manage sophisticated matters in Illinois and Indiana from pre-suit investigation through verdict.

Kelly's clients include construction contractors and subcontractors, transportation carriers and their insurers. She has presented to insurers and claims managers regarding topics such as Illinois law updates and claim investigation. She has published articles regarding trucking trends and defense strategy.

Kelly was recognized as an Emerging Lawyer in Leading Lawyers magazine in 2016 and 2017 pursuant to her nomination by peer Leading Lawyers in Illinois. The designation of Emerging Lawyer is reserved for attorneys less than 40 years of age and accounts for less than two percent of Illinois attorneys.

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Potential Legal Ramifications of the Shortage of Truck Drivers*, DRI in Transit.

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker at TIDA Annual Conference, "Damages Potpourri," Tampa, Florida, October 2019.
- Speaker at TIDA Skills Course Seminar, "Utilization of Accident Resources at the Scene," Tempe, Arizona, 2018-2019.
- Speaker at TIDA Skills Course Seminar, "Handling the Minor Injury Claim," Tempe, Arizona, 2018-2019.
- "Federal MCS-90 Requirements for Motor Carrier Financial Responsibilities," CLE/CE training session at Global Hawk Insurance, Livermore, California, December 5, 2017.
- "Fair Claims Settlement Practices Act," CLE/CE training session at Global Hawk Insurance, Livermore, California, December 5, 2017.
- "Law Updates: Illinois and Florida Law," CLE/CE training session at XL Catlin, Exton, PA, January 28, 2016.
- Panelist/speaker at Artex Risk Solutions, Inc. Annual Risk Management Conference, "Making Your Claim Prior to Litigation," Las Vegas, Nevada 2011.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois
- Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern and Central District of Indiana

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

- Defense Research Institute
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- TIDA – Co-Chair, Marketing and Industry Engagement Committee and Vice-Chair, Skills Course
- Illinois Associate of Defense Trial Counsel
- Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association

Community Involvement

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Board of Advisors, 8/2008 – Present
 - Legal Advisory Committee
 - Legal Assistance Advisory Committee
 - Planning Committee, Gala of the Arts
- Big Shoulder Fund, Chairmen’s Advisory Counsel, 9/2013 – Present
 - Membership Committee, Chairperson
 - Development Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - Mentor to High School Scholarship students

Education

- J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School
 - Concentration: Business Transactions
- B.A., Michigan State University
 - International Relations, James Madison College
 - Concentration in Accounting, Eli Broad College of Business
 - Legislative Internship at Michigan State Capitol

Honors

- Emerging Lawyer, *Leading Lawyers Magazine* (2016-2020)
- *Super Lawyers*® Rising Star (2018-2022, *Law & Politics*)