



Kelly Koss focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and insurance claims with a particular emphasis on environmental and construction matters. She is respected by clients for her counsel regarding litigation avoidance techniques and her willingness to work collaboratively to seek early resolution to disputes. When litigation is unavoidable, Kelly is prepared to advocate zealously for her clients to achieve desired results.

Kelly represents companies, state governments, manufacturers and policyholders in a variety of insurance coverage matters, including claims related to general liability, long-tail environmental and toxic tort claims (including emerging contaminants such as PFAS), property and insurance bad faith. She also represents clients in contract disputes and tort actions in both federal and state courts.

Assisting clients from the initiation of a case through to its conclusion, Kelly routinely researches and drafts virtually all types of pleadings and motions pertinent to litigation. She is also experienced with litigation discovery (including having taken and defended numerous depositions), and she has argued complex dispositive and discovery motions in court and conducted settlement negotiations. Additionally, Kelly has experience representing clients in arbitration hearings.

Kelly's experience as a municipal planner in Michigan before becoming an attorney adds depth to her construction law practice. As a municipal planner, she regularly worked with city and township stakeholders, developers, engineers, and design professionals to finalize development plans. Kelly was also responsible for advising community boards regarding land use and zoning issues, and facilitating public workshops as part of a long-term community master planning effort.

During law school, Kelly was a Baum fellow and law clerk for the Chicago Legal Clinic's Environmental and Energy Law Clinic, an honors intern with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and a mayoral fellow for then-Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

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EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law, (J.D.), managing editor and published author for the Chicago-Kent Law Review, staff editor and published author for Seventh Circuit Review, 2015

University of Michigan, (Master of Urban Design), with high distinction, 2008

University of Michigan, (Master of Urban Planning), 2008

Kalamazoo College, (B.A.), art with a minor in psychology, cum laude, 2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Michigan

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Commercial General Liability

Consumer Class Action Defense

Insurance Recovery and Counseling

Litigation

Toxic Substances and Other Torts

Professional and Community Involvement

Member, Legal Aid Chicago Ambassadors Board

Member, Chicago Bar Association

Member, Chicago-Kent Law Review Alumni Board of Directors

Honors