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JD Keister

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JD Keister has practiced civil and complex litigation at MGC for over two decades. He routinely engages in the representation of parties in construction, professional liability, bad faith, real estate litigation, catastrophic loss, commercial litigation and first party defense for insurance carriers. JD's expansive construction practice includes the representation of contractors, subcontractors, designers, developers and their insurance companies. His professional liability experience includes the regular representation of architects and engineers, attorneys, real estate brokers and agents, insurance brokers and matters that stem from director and officer liability.

JD serves as MGC's firm-wide Practice Area Leader for Litigation, guiding our talented group of lawyers and legal professionals as they strive to serve our client community through diverse practice areas. He is also known in the insurance industry for his involvement with different litigation management professional associations, including the CLM. JD currently serves as a Dean to CLM's School of Litigation Management, a Chancellor and Instructor at CLM's Litigation Management Institute (LMI) and a Chair for the Litigation Management Symposium. He is a former member of the DRI Insurance Roundtable Steering Committee and has held multiple positions with the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, currently serving as President. JD has served on a number of industry panels and internal carrier roundtables, assisting in the design and implementation of systems and processes. He is a regular presenter to national organizations on topics impacting the industry, litigation management and metrics. In 2023, JD was named the CLM Professional of the Year Award winner as Outside Counsel. He was also named to the Business Defense Power List in 2023 by *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly*.

JD is married with three children and spends his time traveling with his family, acting as a part-time taxi for his three kids and their activities, cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes and playing below average golf when time allows.

PRACTICE AREAS

Adulterated Food
Alcohol Liability
Bad Faith
Commercial & Business Litigation
Construction Litigation
Director & Officer Liability/Fiduciary
Government/Municipal Liability
Healthcare Liability
Insurance Coverage
Litigation
Management & Professional Liability
Motor Vehicle Litigation
Nursing Home Liability
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Slander & Defamation
Trucking & Transportation

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law (JD)
Bowling Green State University (BA)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

North Carolina Bar Association (Former CLE Chair for Construction Section)
Mecklenburg County Bar Association
Wake County Bar Association
North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys (President; Board of Directors; Chair, CLE Committee; Former Chair, Construction Law Section)
Defense Research Institute (Steering Committee of Insurance Roundtable)
Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (President, Eastern North Carolina Chapter; Dean of School of Litigation Management)
Professional Liability Underwriting Society

BAR ADMISSIONS

North Carolina (2002)
US District Court, Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina
US Court of Appeals 4th Circuit

AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America® - Insurance Law (2025)
CLM Professional of the Year Award - Outside Council (2023)
North Carolina Lawyers Weekly Business Defense Power List (2023)
North Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Star (2009-2011, 2013-2016)
Business North Carolina Legal Elite - Construction (2014)
North Carolina Business Leader Magazine Book of Leaders – Legal Section of Charlotte Business Leaders
Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ - AV® Preeminent