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Kate has spent her entire career defending and counseling individuals and insurance companies accused of not doing their jobs right. Primarily in professional liability, bad faith and sexual misconduct matters, Kate represents those in the legal, insurance, healthcare, real estate, accounting and education fields, among others. Kate is highly-skilled in the courtroom and alternative dispute forums; she has tried over 100 cases to jury verdict, bench decision or final arbitrator award in state and federal courts and various other venues. Kate also handles her own cases through appeal and is often called on by others after they receive a disappointing first level dispute resolution outcome. Kate has been recognized in her practice by The Best Lawyers in America® and Georgia Super Lawyers and was named among America's Top Lawyers by The American Law Society in 2018.

Kate serves in leadership roles with several national organizations, including Defense Research Institute, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance and Georgia Defense Lawyers Association. In her pursuit to advance the legal field, she regularly lectures and publishes articles on emerging issues related to her litigation practice. Kate is also passionate about mentoring the next generation of trial attorneys.

Outside of MGC, Kate gives her time to non-profit organizations in Atlanta. She has been married to her husband—who is also an attorney—for over 35 years. Together, they share three grown non-lawyer children and two dogs.

PRACTICE AREAS

Bad Faith
Director & Officer Liability/Fiduciary
Healthcare Liability
Insurance Coverage
Litigation
Management & Professional Liability
Miscellaneous Professionals
Premises Liability
Products Liability

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law (JD, with honors)

University of Iowa (BA, with special honors)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Atlanta Bar Association

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (Professional Liability Committee: Advisory Board Member and Chair, Publications Committee; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee; Extra-Contractual Committee; Cyber, Management & Professional Liability Community: Co-Chair)

Defense Research Institute (Professional Liability Committee; Executive Committee)

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (Women Litigators Section)

Lawyers Club of Atlanta

State Bar of Georgia

BAR ADMISSIONS

Georgia

Supreme Court of Georgia

Georgia Court of Appeals

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Litigation Management Professional (CLMP)

AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America[®] - Insurance Law (2023-2024)

Georgia Super Lawyers - Professional Liability: Defense (2019-2024)

The American Law Society, America's Top Lawyers (2018)

Martindale-Hubbell[®] Peer Review Rating[™] - AV Preeminent[®]

PUBLICATIONS

The Multi-Million Dollar Problem of Civil Sexual Misconduct Claims - DRI for The Defense - Volume 63, Issue 6, June 30, 2021

Claims Jeopardy: Your Issues (in the Form of a Question) - DRI for The Defense, Professional Liability Section - April 2021

To Arbitrate or Not To Arbitrate; That Is the Question - ALPS Insurance Blog - April 10, 2021

Has the Attorney-Client Relationship Suffered in an Over-Connected World? - ALFA International Advantage Newsletter - August 19, 2020

Malpractice on Trial: Avoiding Claims and Grievances - State Bar of Georgia, ICLE Program - August 2019

Scoring A Run: Making Sure You Can Get All Around the Bases And Back Home With Your Deposition Testimony - ALFA International, 2019 Professional Liability Group Mini-Seminar - August 2019

Engagement Letters, Nonengagement Letters, and Disengagement Letters - DRI for The Defense - April 2019

Avoiding Malpractice and Bad Faith in an Electronic World - Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, 2019 Cyber, Management and Professional Liability Conference - July 2019

Handling Claims with Practically Perfectly Aligned Stakeholders - Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, 2019 Annual Conference - March 2019

Communicating Over Conflict - DRI Professional Liability Committee, Riding the E&O Line - Volume 10, Issue 4, December 30, 2018

What We've Got Here Is a Failure of Communications - DRI Professional Liability Committee, Riding the E&O Line - Volume 10, Issue 3, December 2018

Malpractice on Trial: Avoiding Claims - DRI The Voice - Volume 17, Issue 13, April 2018

Separate but Equal Duties - DRI for The Defense, Professional Liability Section - April 2018

Skeletons as Party Favors - DRI The Voice - Volume 16, Issue 49, December 2017

Who's the Client - DRI The Voice - Volume 16, Issue 47, November 2017

PRESENTATIONS

Duty to Protect From Third-Party Harm in Sexual Abuse Cases - Strafford Publications Inc. - 2023

What's Hot in the World of Legal Malpractice in Georgia - ALPS Corporation - 2023

Responding to Time Limited Policy Limits Demands - ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference - Spring 2023

It Pays to Be Reasonable: Ethical Billing by Lawyers - NALFA - 2023

Managing Reptile Theory Through Voir Dire - 2022

Managing Reptile Theory Through Motion - 2022

Sexual Misconduct Claims Against Third Party Providers - 2022

Bad Faith and EPLI - CLM Claims College - 2022