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Kristina M. Macionski



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As a litigator in the firm's Insurance Defense practice, Kristina Macionski regularly demonstrates her advocacy talents in the courtroom.

Kristina received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Economics & Policy from Michigan State University and remained in East Lansing to earn her Juris Doctor at MSU College of Law. In law school, she served as the Executive Editor of the *Journal of Animal and Natural Resource Law* and interned with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, where she researched policy issues, drafted court documents for lawyers and opinions for administrative law judges, and wrote environmental "Public Participation Principles" that were incorporated into a proposed State Environmental Justice Plan.

During the initial phase of her legal career, Kristina worked as a legal aid attorney representing impoverished and elderly clients in a variety of matters. She also freelanced with large law firms and Fortune 500 legal departments, consulting on various issues surrounding document discovery and production.

Looking to build her litigation practice, she joined a boutique insurance defense firm that offered her broad autonomy and the independence to manage a busy docket of first-party PIP, third-party automobile negligence, premises liability, and property loss cases.

Kristina quickly developed a sure-footed courtroom presence, gaining first- and second-chair trial experience, tallying several substantial no-cause wins for her clients, and often holding her own with attorneys several years her senior. She also gained a reputation for delving into novel and complex questions of law to deliver impressive results on appeal. In one matter, she was assigned an emergency appeal at the last minute in a matter that a case evaluation panel previously valued at \$25 million. Her persuasive argument to the Michigan Court of Appeals was instrumental in prompting the plaintiff to seek a settlement for substantially less money.

Kristina is a frequent traveler, as well as an avid animal lover and animal rescue supporter.

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Defense
Insurance Coverage
Insurance Fraud

EDUCATION

Michigan State University College of Law,

Juris Doctor, 2011
Executive Editor, *Journal of Animal and Natural Resource Law*
Legal Intern, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Michigan State University,

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Economics & Policy, 2008
Specialization in Political Economy
Alpha Chi Omega Sorority
Gamma Sigma Alpha (National Greek Honor) Fraternity
Study Abroad in Australia and New Zealand through MSU College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California
State of Michigan
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of California
State Bar of Michigan, *Young Lawyers Section*

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

"The Shelton Situation: Can Common Law Fraud Be Asserted Against Third Parties?" Insurance Alliance of Michigan Seminar, September 2018

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers – Ones to Watch – 2021 – Present



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