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OVERVIEW

Katie defends businesses in toxic tort and product liability matters in some of the nation's toughest jurisdictions. She practices from Columbia, Missouri as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

Katie's litigation practice focuses on defending clients in both product and premises liability cases, with an emphasis on asbestos. She works with nationwide portfolios and serves on national coordinating counsel teams for global manufacturers and industrial corporations, overseeing the work of local counsel across the country. She has experience handling all phases of litigation, including case resolution, trial preparation, trial and appellate advocacy in both state and federal courts and has obtained favorable outcomes for clients in some of the most difficult jurisdictions in the country.

In addition to her team lead roles at Husch Blackwell, Katie draws on her experience as an office managing partner at a previous firm, which provided her with a higher-level perspective on how attorney teams should function most effectively to support clients' business objectives while managing their litigation risk. She utilizes her experience and reputation to guide her clients' defense strategy and obtain favorable results in high-risk cases. Additionally, Katie is a passionate writer, and has utilized her skill in written advocacy to secure victories for her clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts.

Industries

Technology
Manufacturing
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Toxic Tort

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Experience

- Served as Missouri and Illinois local counsel for industrial corporations and product manufacturers, managing large caseloads in some of the highest risk jurisdictions in the country.
- Served as a member of national coordinating counsel teams for global corporations, overseeing work of local counsel nationwide and assisting client's in developing litigation strategy and obtain favorable case dispositions.
- Oversaw all phases of asbestos litigation, including trial and trial preparation, fact and expert depositions, motion practice and appellate practice.
- Defended railroad, landowners and product manufacturer clients, including Fortune 500 companies, in numerous state and federal courts in matters related to toxic tort and environmental litigation, FELA litigation, transportation, product liability and general negligence.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers In America*®
    - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, 2027

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri School of Law
    - CALI Award for highest grade in Pretrial Litigation
- *cum laude*, University of Missouri-Saint Louis

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Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

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