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OVERVIEW

Kelly provides labor and employment counsel and litigation services.

Inspired by a family background in law, Kelly was drawn to the legal field for its problem-solving opportunities and the challenges it presents. Her interest in the labor and employment practice area stems from a desire for direct client interaction and the opportunities to build long-term relationships with clients as she helps businesses avoid litigation and remain in compliance with the law.

During law school, Kelly participated in her university's Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic, gaining hands-on experience with clients, and explored the evolving landscape of sports law through a Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) course. A judicial externship provided additional insights into the legal process, as she observed effective argument styles and judicial decision making.

As a summer associate at Husch Blackwell for two consecutive summers, Kelly worked on diverse projects, including drafting employer guidance for FMLA, ADA, and worker's compensation claims; conducting a 50-state survey on guns in the workplace laws; and creating a Title IX compliance presentation for schools.

Kelly is known as practical, creative, and results-driven. A background in college athletics has shaped her time management, organization, and work ethic, and clients can expect Kelly to be invested in their success and adept at working under pressure.

Services

Employment Litigation Defense
Labor & Employment

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Education

- J.D., University of Missouri School of Law
  - *magna cum laude*
  - *Missouri Law Review*, Managing Editor
  - Order of the Coif
  - Tim Heinsz 5k Race Co-Chair
- B.A., Miami University
  - *magna cum laude*

Admissions

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

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