

Kelly Ekeler

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Focus Areas

Class Action

Wage and Hour

Arbitration

Litigation and Trials

Overview

Kelly Ekeler is Special Counsel on the Class Action Counsel team and is based in Nebraska. As a brief writer assigned to class, collective, mass, and representative actions, Kelly formulates and executes briefing strategy, including the development of cutting-edge arguments, and thought leadership on the most pressing class and collection action issues confronting our clients. She evaluates and selects legal authority that supports the facts and circumstances of each case and prepares substantive briefs and motions, including complex dispositive motions, opposition to class certification, motions to compel arbitration, mediation briefs, and other strategic briefing.

Kelly has focused her practice on management-side employment law for the past 15 years. Prior to joining Littler, she represented public and private sector employers in discrimination, termination, and other labor and employment-related matters, including litigation in federal and state courts and administrative proceedings. Her practice also included representing employers in governmental audits and investigations and developing policies and counseling employers to reduce risks of wage and hour violations. She has been with Littler since 2017 and has worked with trial teams nationwide to draft hundreds of briefs in class and collective actions.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Treasurer, Pius X High School Senior Parent Football Fund, 2022
- Board Member / Newsletter Co-editor / Super Stars Chair, Down Syndrome Association for Families of Nebraska, 2011-2014 / 2015-2018 / 2019-2020

Education

J.D., University of Nebraska, 2009

B.A., Kansas State University, 2005

Bar Admissions

Nebraska

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

Nebraska Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska

Publications & Press

Why Law Firms Can (and Should) Offer Alternative Career Tracks

LinkedIn Pulse

April 26, 2017

Nebraska Employee Privacy Q & A

Practical Law

2015-2017

Municipal Review

League of Nebraska Municipalities

Monthly contributor 2009-2016

Speaking Engagements

Labor Relations Update

League of Nebraska Municipalities Utilities Section, 2017 Annual Meeting, Lincoln, NE

January 2017

Labor Relations Update

League of Nebraska Municipalities, 2016 Annual Conference, Kearney, NE

October 2016

DOL's Expansion of Joint Employment

Best Places to Work Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

April 2016

Books & Book Chapters

- *Employment at Will*, BNA, Chapter editor, 2016