

## Kelly Ekeler

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## Practice 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

## Events & 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

### **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