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ABOUT KELSEY

Kelsey believes that effective communication is key to being a successful client advocate. Assessing client-specific goals and strategic business considerations is critical to developing a case strategy suited to the particular needs of each client—whether that means a settlement or a vigorous trial defense.

With an emphasis on insurance defense, insurance coverage, and workers' compensation, Kelsey represents insurance carriers and private businesses in civil litigation in state and federal court.

A native of New Orleans, Kelsey is active in the community and passionate about charity work. She is the chair of Galloway's Hogs for the Cause team, which raises money to support families of children with pediatric brain cancer, and works with Take Paws Rescue, a New Orleans-based animal rescue.

Practices

Construction Litigation
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Maritime Law & Admiralty
Mass Tort & Class Action
Premises Liability
Product Liability
Workers' Compensation

Industries

Construction
Maritime

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Tulane University Law School
- B.A., University of Florida

Representative Matters

- Obtained a directed verdict in a heavily-litigated residential construction defect case.
- Achieved a total defense verdict after a contentious workers' compensation trial over a denied claim.
- Obtained summary judgment in a first-party coverage dispute over excluded claims.
- Obtained dismissal in a large breach of contract case for a business owner after asserting that the adverse party lacked a cause of action.
- Obtained dismissal in a flooding class action based on a complex prescription argument.

Admissions

- Texas
- Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Associations

- State Bar Association of Texas
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Hogs for the Cause Fund