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SERVICE AREAS

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Monica Burkoth focuses her practice on municipal liability, class actions, civil rights law, and prison litigation. Her clients include municipalities, law enforcement officers, medical professionals, and security personnel. Ms. Burkoth has successfully defended cases in both state and federal court, and has an excellent record in obtaining favorable jury verdicts, dismissals, and summary judgment rulings. Ms. Burkoth has tried more than 45 jury trials to verdict. She has been included in the 2021, 2022 and 2023 editions of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* and has been recognized as an "Emerging Lawyer" by Leading Lawyers in 2021 and 2022, and as a "Rising Star" by Illinois Super Lawyers every year since 2018. Ms. Burkoth was also recognized in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's "40 under 40" in 2022.

Ms. Burkoth brings a wealth of experience in conducting high-stakes investigations, including the analysis of video surveillance, extensive ESI discovery, and comprehensive document reviews to uncover pivotal evidence. She works in close partnership with the Chicago Police Department, the State's Attorney's Office, and the Clerk's Office, leveraging these relationships to gather critical insights and develop robust defenses. Her meticulous investigative approach has consistently been a key factor in achieving favorable case outcomes for her clients.

While in law school, Ms. Burkoth was a Board Member of the Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Honors Board, and also participated in several national mock trial competitions, taking first place in the Texas Young Lawyers Advocacy National Trial Competition. Additionally, Ms. Burkoth has assisted in the coaching and mentoring of a number of trial teams since graduating from law school.

ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 2012

Illinois State University, 2009

AFFILIATIONS

Federal Bar Association

Illinois Government Finance Officers Association

Women's Bar Association

Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

HONORS

Named one of Forty Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch by Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2022

Recognized as an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers, 2018-2024

Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, 2021-2024

Emerging Lawyer, Leading Lawyers, 2021, 2022

CLIENT RESULTS

Burkoth, Branum Obtain Not Guilty Verdict for Sheriff of Cook County in Federal Court

Gainer, Burkoth Secure Defense Verdict in Officer Involved Shooting Case. Plaintiff Sought \$4M in Damages.

Burkoth Secures Summary Judgment in Civil Rights Case Seeking \$3M from Two Police Officers

Gainer, Burkoth Secure Defense Verdict in Contentious, Officer Involved Shooting Case

Gainer Secures Defense Verdict in Favor of Police Officers

Defense Verdict for Chicago Police Officer in \$15M Wrongful Death Case

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

CLE presentation about 30(b)(6) depositions to the attorneys at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. August 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Case Law Overview: Probable Cause Existed and Plaintiff's Retaliatory Arrest Claim Against Two Officers Gets Tossed. August 22.

2019

Case Law Overview: FOIA Request for Police Department Videotapes Denied by Trial Court and Affirmed on Appeal. March 13, 2019