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SERVICE AREAS

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Katie E. Gorrie's practice centers on construction and general negligence. Ms. Gorrie defends owners, construction managers, general contractors, and subcontractors in construction litigation involving personal injury, property damage, and construction defects. Ms. Gorrie has handled construction-related litigation in state and federal courts, as well as before the Illinois Court of Claims. She also represents clients in municipal matters involving construction-related permit and citation issues. In addition, she has served as both first and second chair for jury trials that went to verdict in the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Risk-management education is central to Ms. Gorrie's practice, as she teaches construction professionals on ways to avoid litigation, and writes extensively on the subject. She presents regularly to construction and insurance professionals regarding litigation trends in construction, incident preparedness, and proper investigative and risk management procedures for litigation.

Ms. Gorrie is involved in both the Construction and Women's Initiative practice groups in ALFA International and has been involved in presentations and seminars focused on issues affecting attorneys. Ms. Gorrie has also been involved in diversity strategies for the legal market, including being engaged in diversity and minority focused job fairs in Chicago. She is a member of numerous organizations, including the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, and her J.D. from Michigan State University–Detroit College of Law.

ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

EDUCATION

Michigan State University–Detroit College of Law, J.D., 2003

Michigan State University, M.S., 2000

Michigan State University, B.S., 1998

AFFILIATIONS

Illinois State Bar Association

Mentor/panelist for Chicago minority job fairs

ALFA International, Women's Initiative and Construction

HONORS

Emerging Lawyer, Leading Lawyers 2015

Leading Lawyer 2017-2022

CLIENT RESULTS

General Contractor Avoids OSHA Violations for Electrocution Fatality on Project

Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment for General Contractor in Construction Worker Accident Case

Katie E. Gorrie Secures Summary Judgment in Significant Defense Win for General Contractor

Appellate Court Ruling Grants General Contractors and Construction Managers New Protection in Section 414 Actions

Gorrie Achieves Not Guilty Verdict in Contribution Action

Katie E. Gorrie Obtains Favorable Result in Personal Injury Case Seeking \$1.1M

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

Moderator - "You Owe Me! Enforcing Indemnity Agreements: A National Perspective," ALFA International Construction Seminar, July 2018.

Moderator - "A Woman's Place: Getting into the First Chair," at ALFA International Women's Initiative Program. Oct. 27, 2016.

A host of "Legal Ease - Voice of the Young Lawyer", a regular webcast series sponsored by West LegalWorks

PUBLICATIONS

"OSHA Guidance on Returning to Work in the Construction Industry." Client Advisory, August 6, 2020

"Seventh Circuit Appellate Ruling Sheds Additional Light on Facts Deemed Relevant in Construction Negligence Disputes." Client Advisory, July 10, 2020

Chicago Unions Confronting Opioid Crisis. 2019

New Procedure for Setting Trial Dates in Cook County Circuit Court Law Division Cases, Including Construction Injury Cases. 2016

Illinois Supreme Court Restricts Construction Negligence and Premises Liability Theories of Recovery in Illinois. 2016

OSHA Issues New Rules for Electronic Reporting. Johnson & Bell Construction Newsletter, Summer 2016

Hold Onto Your Hardhats: 2011 Brings Major Changes to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act Johnson & Bell Construction Newsletter, Spring 2012

It Occurred. So There is an "Occurrence". Right? Johnson & Bell Construction Newsletter, Fall 2011