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Overview

Kaela Brennan's governmental and general counsel practice addresses the full range of identifying and responding to potential risks, from proactive, preventive counsel to handling all aspects of dispute resolution, with an intentional focus on providing clients with legal outcomes that align with client objectives. Kaela's diverse work specifically includes handling complex agreements and litigation, along with appellate procedures and experience serving as outside general counsel for government entities.

With a private practice that consists of all aspects of complex general commercial litigation, Kaela's diverse work specifically includes handling complex utilities and liquor licensing litigation, along with appellate procedures and experience serving as outside general counsel for businesses.

Kaela's clients benefit from her ability to handle matters in a variety of legal venues, including courts at all levels, mediations, and arbitrations. She collaboratively develops litigation strategies that involve pathways to favorably resolve matters at the earliest opportunity, recognizing that victories can look different based on the unique circumstances of any individual lawsuit.

Education

- University of Minnesota School of Law, 1995 (J.D.)
- University of St. Thomas (B.A.), *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Distinctions

- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2001–2002

- Chainlinks Preferred Vendor

Memberships

- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association

Presentations and Publications

- "Is Fair Market Value Dead on Arrival? *City of Moorhead v. Red River Valley Coop. Association*, February 2013
- "Developments in Eminent Domain (with a Dollop of Electric Service Territory)," December 2012
- "Electric Service Territory," Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association
- "Utilities and Real Property Litigation: Eminent Domain," December 2011
- "The Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act of 2008," Winter 2009
- "New FMLA Regulations," Winter 2009
- "Nuts and Bolts of Condemnation," Spring 2007
- "Must the Show Go On – Defining When One Party May Call or Compel an Opposing Party's Consultative Expert to Testify," *78 Minn. L. Rev.* 1191, 1994