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Industries

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Practice Areas

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Kentucky

Kathryn focuses her practice on energy and public utilities law with an emphasis on regulatory and permitting compliance. She has handled matters before the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting, and the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. She has advised renewable energy clients on project siting, successfully assisting these clients in obtaining the necessary approvals to construct and operate within Kentucky.

Kathryn has also represented jurisdictional utilities and other companies, including gas, telecom, water, and wastewater clients, before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in matters including acquisitions, construction certificate applications, investigations, and rate cases. Drawing on her extensive background in general litigation, Kathryn helps clients resolve complex legal issues and achieve favorable results in both state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels.

When Kathryn began her career, she focused primarily on the defense of hospitals and healthcare providers in medical negligence claims as well as general insurance defense, governmental liability defense, professional liability defense, premises liability, equine law, employment law, and nursing home defense. This strong background in both regulatory law and litigation enables her to craft effective solutions for clients operating in the energy sector and other highly regulated industries.

Other Info About Kathryn

Education

University of Kentucky College of Law, J.D., 2012

- Gess Mattingly & Atchison Moot Court Scholarship
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Equine Law
- Member, National Moot Court Team, 2011-2012
- Member, Moot Court Board, 2010-2012

University of Kentucky, B.A., Psychology and English, 2007, *magna cum laude*

- Honors Program, 2003-2007
- Commonwealth Scholar (merit-based)
- Departmental and University Honors
- Phi Beta Kappa

Courts

Supreme Court of Kentucky, 2012

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, 2015

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2017

Recognition

The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Administrative/Regulatory Law, 2023-2026; Energy Law, 2023-2025; Health Care Law, 2021-2025; Natural Resources Law, 2023-2025

Kentucky Rising Stars®, 2021-2022

Professional Affiliations

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, 2020-present

Kentucky Bar Association, 2012-present

Fayette County Bar Association, 2012-present

Civic Activities

United States Equestrian Federation

United States Hunter Jumper Association

Presentations

"Discovery, the Gatekeeper of Defense Verdicts," Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) Conference, November 16, 2017

Featured Articles

FBT Gibbons Secures Victory for Solar Development at Court of Appeals

Another Year, Another Round of Changes to Renewable Energy Siting and Battery Storage (BESS) Regulation in Kentucky

Bill Proposes to Expand the Kentucky Public Service Commission and Siting Board

Kentucky Bill to Create Minimum Setbacks for Solar in Counties Without Zoning and Require Transparency in Project Financing

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