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PRACTICES

Civil Litigation and Trial

Kris E. Lawrence

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Kris E. Lawrence is an experienced litigator who focuses his practice on defending a wide range of general liability matters from inception through trial. He represents businesses and their insurers in general liability, premises liability, product liability, motor vehicle, and employment matters. Kris is also highly experienced in all areas of insurance defense litigation, including motion, trial and appellate practice. In addition to trying cases across New York State, he has handled matters through mediation and arbitration. Kris regularly advises clients in various business matters, and has also written and presented seminars in the areas of general liability, and automobile and homeowners' insurance coverage and litigation.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2025

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Western Districts of New York

EDUCATION

- Seattle University School of Law, J.D., 1995
- Oberlin College, B.A., 1991

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Bar Association of Erie County
- Defense Trial Lawyers Association
- Buffalo Claims Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Big Easy in Buffalo
 - Board Vice Chair, 2022
 - Board of Directors, 2020 to present
- Community Services Support Foundation
 - Board of Directors, 2011-15
- Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled

Kris E. Lawrence

PARTNER

- Board of Directors, 2005-10
- Board Chairman, 2006

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

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- “To a Tee: Case Law on Golf Injury Liability,” *Buffalo Law Journal*, July 2007