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Special Counsel



Natalie's practice focuses on counseling insurers on insurance law and coverage litigation related to commercial general liability, professional liability, employment practices and personal lines policies. She advises on complex matters including the duty to defend, bad faith exposure, rescission and recoupment of defense costs.

Natalie's practice also includes the defense of individuals and entities in general liability, labor and employment, business tort, fraud, and contract matters. Natalie has represented clients through all phases of litigation, from pre-suit investigation to discovery and contested motion practice, arbitration and trial. Additionally, she has served as monitoring and appellate counsel to insured parties to analyze appellate prospects and limit exposure.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

 $\label{eq:continuous} \textbf{Obartuch v. Meadows of Wickenburg, Inc., No. 18 C 280, 2019 WL 330473 (N.D. III. Jan. 25, 2019) (Dismissal of wife's claim against rehabilitation facility seeking compensatory damages for sending wife correspondence from her husband, during his in-patient treatment, which he intended to send to his mistress)$

Farmers Insurance Exchange v. Salazar, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, No. 2018 CH 05476 (Secured summary judgment in favor of personal lines insurer based on automobile exclusion and late notice)

Ricciardi v. The Allstate Corp., et al., Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, No. 2014 L 6194 (Monitoring and appellate counsel in paraplegic motorcycle injury trial)

Dual-Temp of Illinois, Inc. v. Hench Control, Inc., No. 15–2659 (7th Cir. 2016) (Judgment on breach of contract claim affirmed in favor of refrigeration control system purchaser on appeal from Northern District of Illinois)

PUBLICATIONS

"The Affidavit and Success at Summary Judgment," Trial Briefs Newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association, Vol. 61 #3 (October 2015)

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Practice Areas

- Bad Faith
- Commercial General Liability
- Coverage Litigation
- General Commercial Litigation

Education

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D. 2015
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, James Scholar, B.S. 2012

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit