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Overview

Katie is an associate in the firm's mass tort, toxic tort, and products liability practice groups, where she works with companies facing complex, high-exposure claims. She helps clients navigate litigation efficiently and develop practical, strategic defenses in challenging cases.

Key Areas of Focus:

- Mass tort and toxic tort litigation
- Products liability defense

Complex, high-exposure claimsBefore joining Meagher + Geer, Katie clerked for the Honorable Nelson L. Peralta in the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota, where she gained valuable insight into judicial decision-making and case management.Katie earned her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law, where she served as a Lead Articles Editor for the *San Diego Law Review*. During law school, she gained hands-on litigation experience through externships with the Superior Court of California, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, and the San Diego City Attorney's Office.Before law school, Katie worked as a paralegal in Minneapolis, supporting civil litigation matters and building a strong foundation in case preparation and client service. She holds a B.S. in Biology, with a minor in Religion, from the University of Puget Sound.Outside of her legal practice, Katie enjoys spending time outdoors hiking, canoeing, and camping. Each year, Katie and her family take a canoeing trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a tradition she especially enjoys.Education◆ University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 2021◆ University of St. Thomas School of Law, 2018-2019◆ University of Puget Sound, B.S., 2012Judicial Clerkships◆ Law Clerk to the Honorable Nelson L. Peralta, Fourth Judicial Court of Minnesota, Family Court Division, 2021-2023 ◆ Judicial Extern for the Honorable Jill L. Burkhardt, United States District Court, Southern District of California, 2019 ◆ Judicial Extern for the Honorable Timothy B. Taylor, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, 2019 ExperienceProfessional Affiliations◆ Minnesota State Bar Association◆ Hennepin County Bar AssociationCommunity Involvement◆ Student Volunteer, Legal CORPS, 2018-2019 NotableAccolades ◆ Lead Articles Editor, *San Diego Law Review*, 2020-2021Services◆ Mass Tort/Toxic Tort◆ Products Liability**State Bar Admissions**◆ Minnesota, 2021◆ Arizona, 2024◆ Illinois, 2024◆ Montana, 2024◆ Nebraska, 2024◆ North Dakota, 2023◆ Wisconsin, 2025**Federal Court Admissions**◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 2024