



Katherine (Kate) A. McBride

Retired Partner



Overview

Kate focuses her practice on appellate law and complex motions – particularly those involving litigation issues, professional liability, insurance coverage, and other areas in which the firm maintains a trial practice. She has handled more than 130 state and federal appeals.

“Appellate law allows me to practice in the many interesting areas served by Meagher + Geer—providing our clients with continuity of strategy from initial claim through final appeal. I really enjoy crafting a well-reasoned and proficient legal argument that will be interesting, concise and persuasive to a busy court.”

Kate has been recognized in the *Minnesota Super Lawyers*® list in the area of appellate law and has been named to the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers list.

Kate is one of the founding board members of the Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society and served for seven years as the chair of that organization’s Education Committee. As chair, she oversaw the creation of three new lesson plans about the judiciary that are now being used in classrooms throughout the state. She also directed the Society’s first essay contest in which high school seniors will compete for scholarships by writing on a designated court-related topic. “It was quite a privilege promoting legal literacy among school-age children,” says Kate.

Kate has also served as chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s appellate practice section and has taught appellate advocacy as an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas Law School. In addition, she was a co-editor of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s on-line resource site for appellate practitioners. She is a frequent public speaker. Kate also volunteers through Volunteers Lawyers Network, assisting low-income clients obtain their birth certificates, which in turn allows them to apply for a Minnesota identification card—a gateway to employment and housing.

Services

- ◆ Appellate

State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Minnesota, 1985

Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ U.S. Supreme Court, 2016
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2000
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1987

Outside the office, Kate has pursued her love of writing by being a contributing author for a local magazine and by serving a term on that publication's editorial advisory board. She also provides ESL tutoring to adults and enjoys reading, cooking, hiking, and traveling. Before earning her law degree, Kate was radio news correspondent and anchor.



Experience

Reported Opinions/Recent Cases

- ◆ *Schroeder v. Nat. Mut. Ins. Co.*, 865 N.W.2d 66 (Minn. 2015)
- ◆ *Cedar Bluff Townhome Condo Ass'n. Inc. v. Am. Family Mut. Ins. Co.*, 857 N.W.2d 290 (Minn. 2014)
- ◆ *Green v. BMW of N. Am., LLC*, 826 N.W.2d 530 (Minn. 2013)
- ◆ *Nelson v. American Home Assur. Co.*, --- F.3d ----, 2012 WL 6050534 (8th Cir. 2012)
- ◆ *Pioneer Industries, Inc. v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co.*, 639 F.3d 461 (8th Cir. 2011)
- ◆ *Scottsdale Ins. Co. v. Universal Crop Protection Alliance, LLC*, 620 F.3d 926 (8th Cir. 2010)
- ◆ *Kidwell v. Sybaritic, Inc.*, 784 N.W.2d 220 (Minn. 2010)
- ◆ *Pond Hollow Homeowners Ass'n v. The Ryland Group, Inc.*, 779 N.W.2d 920 (Minn. App. 2010)
- ◆ *Star Windshield Repair, Inc. v. Western Nat. Ins. Co.*, 768 N.W.2d 346 (Minn. 2009)
- ◆ *Abbotts v. Campbell*, 551 F.3d 802 (8th Cir. 2008)
- ◆ *Kidwell v. Sybaritic, Inc.*, 749 N.W.2d 855 (Minn. App. 2008)
- ◆ *Montes v. Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies*, 540 F.3d 852 (8th Cir. 2008)
- ◆ *Guzhagin v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 566 F.Supp.2d 962 (D. Minn. 2008)
- ◆ *Green v. Franklin Nat. Bank of Minneapolis*, 459 F.3d 903 (8th 2006)
- ◆ *Allianz Ins. Co. of Canada v. Sanftleben*, 454 F.3d 853 (8th 2006)
- ◆ *Wu v. Sorenson*, 440 F.Supp. 2d 1054 (D. Minn. 2006)
- ◆ *Molloy v. Meier*, 679 N.W.2d 711 (Minn. 2004)
- ◆ *Pususta v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 632 N.W.2d 549 (Minn. 2001)
- ◆ *Lynch ex rel. Lynch v. Am. Fam. Mut. Ins. Co.*, 626 N.W.2d 182 (Minn. 2001)
- ◆ *Kent v. Block*, 623 N.W.2d 906 (Minn. App. 2001)
- ◆ *Schons v. State Farm Ins. Cos.*, 621 N.W.2d 743 (Minn. 2001)
- ◆ *Lynch v. American Family Mutual Insurance Company*, 612 N.W.2d 887 (Minn. App. 2000)
- ◆ *Gilbertson v. Leininger*, 599 N.W.2d 127 (Minn. 1999)
- ◆ *State Farm Fire & Cas. Co. v. Neises*, 598 N.W.2d 709 (Minn. App. 1999)

- ◆ *Vue v. State Farm Ins. Companies*, 582 W.2d 264 (Minn. 1998)
- ◆ *Kroning v. State Farm Auto Insurance Company*, 567 N.W.2d 42 (Minn. 1997)
- ◆ *Wong v. American Family Mutual Insurance Company*, 562 N.W.2d 813 (Minn. App. 1997)
- ◆ *Hallas v. Naegele Outdoor Advertising, Inc.*, 541 N.W. 2d 594 (Minn. App. 1995)
- ◆ *American Family Ins. v. National Cas. Co.*, 515 N.W.2d 741 (Minn. App. 1994)
- ◆ *Anderson v. American Cas. Co. of Reading, Pa.*, 504 N.W.2d 467 (Minn. 1993)
- ◆ *Anderson v. American Cas. Co. of Reading, Pa.*, 497 N.W.2d 302 (Minn. App. 1993)
- ◆ *National Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa. v. Republic Underwriters Ins. Co.*, 429 N.W.2d 695 Minn. App. 1988)
- ◆ *Lake City Apartments v. Lund-Martin Co.*, 428 N.W.2d 100 (Minn. App. 1988)
- ◆ *Forster v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, 423 N.W. 2d 691 (Minn. App. 1988)
- ◆ *Lake City Apartments v. Lund-Martin Co.*, 417 N.W.2d 704 (Minn. App. 1988)
- ◆ *R.L.B. Enterprises, Inc. v. Liberty Nat. Fire Ins. Co.*, 413 N.W.2d 551 (Minn. App. 1987)

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, 2013-2016
- ◆ Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society
 - ◇ Founding member
 - ◇ Board of Directors
 - ◇ Education Committee, Chair
- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association, Past Governing Council Member and Chair, Appellate Practice Section
- ◆ Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- ◆ Minnesota Women Lawyers
- ◆ American Bar Association
- ◆ Hennepin County Bar Association
- ◆ University of St. Thomas School of Law, Adjunct Professor, Appellate Advocacy, 2005-2008

Community Involvement

- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association — North Star Lawyer Pro Bono Award, 2016-Present
- ◆ Plymouth Magazine Advisory Board, 2011-2012
- ◆ Plymouth Magazine Contributing Author
- ◆ YMCA Youth Government Mentor
- ◆ Volunteer Citizenship Merit Badge Counselor for Boy Scout Troop
- ◆ Volunteer Parent Educator for Wayzata School District
- ◆ Assistant Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack, 2000-2002

- ◆ Assistant Den Leader for Cub Scout Den, 1998-2002
- ◆ Member of Site Council Advisory Council at a Wayzata elementary school, 1999-2001

Notable

Accolades

- ◆ Awarded the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, AV® Preeminent™ (AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies)
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® in the area of Appellate Practice, 2019-2021
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the Minnesota Super Lawyers® list, Thomson Reuters, (only five percent of lawyers in the state were selected), 2002-2020
- ◆ Named an Attorney of the Year, Minnesota Lawyer, 2013
- ◆ Recognized in the list of Top 50 Women Super Lawyers, 2010-2011
- ◆ Recognized in the list of Top 100 Women Super Lawyers, 2006-2009
- ◆ Recognized as a Top 40 Appellate Lawyer, 2003-2004