



Kayla J. Goodfellow

Of Counsel

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Kayla J. Goodfellow is a seasoned trial lawyer who represents businesses and individuals in complex civil litigation. With nearly two decades of experience, she is known for delivering strategic, results-driven advocacy and guiding clients through high-stakes disputes from early case assessment through trial and appeal.

Kayla maintains an active litigation practice and has substantial experience presenting cases to juries. Her courtroom experience shapes the way she approaches every matter—from developing persuasive trial themes and distilling complex issues for jurors to positioning cases for efficient and favorable resolution when it serves her clients' interests.

Her practice includes a wide range of complex civil matters, including insurance coverage, premises liability, construction and contractor liability, professional liability, personal injury, and other high-exposure disputes.

Kayla brings extensive knowledge of risk transfer and insurance-related issues that frequently arise in complex disputes. She regularly analyzes insurance coverage, contractual indemnity, and additional insured provisions, helping clients understand how risk is allocated and how those provisions may affect litigation strategy and potential exposure.

In addition to litigation, Kayla advises businesses and professionals on risk management and dispute avoidance. Drawing on her years of trial experience, she helps clients identify potential sources of liability, evaluate litigation risk, and implement practical strategies to reduce exposure before disputes arise or escalate. Clients value her ability to combine trial-tested insight with a deep understanding of risk allocation and insurance structures when making critical decisions about litigation strategy and business risk.

Kayla earned her juris doctor from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Coe College. She is admitted to practice in Indiana and before the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana.

Services & Industries

- Litigation
- Insurance
- Insurance Coverage & Recovery
- Risk & Crisis Management

Education

- Coe College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2005)
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D., 2008)

Admissions

- Indiana
- United States District Court - Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court - Southern District of Indiana

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, 2008–present
- Committee Chair, Women in Law, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, 2023–present
- Board of Directors, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, 2022–present
- Planning Committee, Regional Women in Law Summit, 2024
- Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), The Institutes CPCU Society, 2022–present

Community Involvement

- Board of Directors, Home Repairs for Good, 2022–present
- Girl Scout Leader, 2020–present

Thought Leadership

April 10, 2026

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Published In

- "[Goodfellow: How a tale of muskrat pelts influenced my family's legacy](#)," *The Indiana Lawyer*, March 12, 2025
- "[Goodfellow: Learning how to get acquainted with the lawyer next door](#)," *The Indiana Lawyer*, March 13, 2024
- "[DTCL: When attorney and soccer mom collide](#)," *The Indiana Lawyer*, October 25, 2023

Speaking Engagements

- "Evolving Trial Tactics: Confronting Reptile Theory and Social Inflation in 2026 – Case Study on *Bellwether trial K.G.M. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, Young Lawyer Seminar, April 2026

- "Trial Skills: Mock Trial Demonstration," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Annual Conference, November 2024
- Moderator, "A Perspective from Inside Counsel: Navigating Challenges in the Ever-Changing Legal Environment," Regional Women in Law Summit, April 26, 2024
- "Discovery – New Rules and Rulings," National Business Institute, December 2023
- "Insurance Law Panel Discussion: The Evolving World of Mediation," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Annual Conference, November 2023
- "Laying a Foundation for Expert Testimony," National Business Institute, August 2023
- "Top Civil Litigation Do's and Don'ts," National Business Institute, February 2023
- "Building Your Civil Litigation Trial Skills," National Business Institute, February 2023
- "Introducing Physical Evidence at Trial," National Business Institute, April 2021
- "Creating and Using a Trial Notebook," National Business Institute, April 2021
- "Indiana Claim Seminar: Premise Liability Case Study," Cincinnati Insurance Company, October 2019
- "Indiana Claim Seminar: Minors' Compromise Probate Process," Cincinnati Insurance Company, October 2018
- "Indiana Claim Seminar: All Dogs Considered – Canine Liability," Cincinnati Insurance Company, October 2015