



# Kimberly A. Kardasz

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Kimberly Kardasz is an experienced attorney who began her career at the Michigan Court of Appeals as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Jessica R. Cooper. While at the Court of Appeals, Kim dealt with a wide variety of issues, including insurance, construction, and other civil matters. With this well-rounded background and high proficiency in research and writing, Kim has been instrumental in securing favorable case evaluation awards, summary dispositions, and appellate decisions on behalf of her clients. Her practice includes first and third-party automobile, insurance coverage disputes, premises liability, and contract cases.

Outside of the office, Kim enjoys the perks of being an active mother of three children, including attending their school and sporting events and the occasional trip to Disney World. As an alumna of the University of Michigan Marching Band, Kim still makes it back to the "Big House" on Saturdays during the football season.

# **Employment**

- Shareholder at Harvey Kruse, P.C. (2019 to present)
- Associate at Harvey Kruse, P.C. (2007—2019)
- Associate at DeWitt, Balke & Vincent (2004—2007)
- Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Jessica Cooper, Michigan Court of Appeals (2000-2004)

# Organizations

- State Bar of Michigan
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Member of the Rochester Regional Optimist Club
- University of Michigan Band Alumni Association
- Assistant Coach for the Guardian Angels Girls' Basketball and Softball Teams

#### Honors & Awards

- · Law Review, Research Editor, 1998-2000
- American Jurisprudence Book Award, Legal Writing (2000)

#### Areas of Practice

- Appellate Law
- Civil Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- No Fault
- Third-Party Auto
- Premises Liability
- **Employment**

#### Education

- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor B.S., 1997
- Michigan State University College of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, 2000

#### **Bar Admissions**

- State Bar of Michigan (2000)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2004)
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2004)
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan (2004)

## Experience

Kim is a trial and appellate attorney. She was made a Shareholder at Harvey Kruse, P.C. in 2019. During her time at Harvey Kruse, Kim has argued and drafted motions for summary disposition and obtained favorable facilitation and case evaluation results for her clients. She has assisted in obtaining a no cause verdict at trial in a wrongful death case. Kim has also argued cases before the Michigan Court of Appeals and filed successful applications for leave with the Michigan Supreme Court.

Before joining Harvey Kruse, P.C., Kim worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Jessica R. Cooper at the Michigan Court of Appeals. While at the Court of Appeals, Kim dealt with a wide variety of issues, including insurance, premises liability, construction, and other civil matters. Kim also worked several years at an employer defense firm in Detroit, MI.

## Representative Clients

- AmTrust
- Amerisure Insurance Companies
- Auto Club Group
- Auto-Owners Insurance

- Geico
- National General Insurance
- Nationwide Insurance
- Scottsdale Insurance Company
- State Auto Insurance Companies
- Travelers

## Representative Matters

- Jesse Davis v. Ace Transportation, et al., Wayne County Circuit Court, Case No. 2020-016390-NF; 2024 WL 396610 (Mich. App. 2024) (expanding Michigan case law on discrimination defense to private entities providing non-emergency medical transportation).
- CG Automation & Fixture, Inc v Autoform, Inc, 291 Mich App 333; 804 NW2d 781 (2011)
- Smith v Starboard Group of Great Lakes, LLC, unpublished per curiam opinion of the Court of Appeals, issued June 25, 2019 (Docket No. 344835). Summary disposition affirmed for client in a slip and fall, "black ice" case, based on open and obvious.
- MIC General Ins Corp v Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, unpublished per curam opinion of the Court of Appeals, issued Oct. 18, 2018 (Docket No. 341766).
- Green v Detroit Square Properties, LLC, unpublished per curiam opinion of the Court of Appeals, issued Sept 6, 2018 (Docket No. 338251). Summary disposition in this slip and fall on "black ice" case affirmed for client in part based on the open and obvious doctrine.
- Buchanan v Hachem, et al, Wayne County Circuit Court (2020), claim by plaintiff for first-party no fault benefits. Summary disposition granted to client on the basis that the plaintiff made material misrepresentations in her application for insurance regarding her residence.
- Reese v Michigan Assigned Claims Plan, et al, Wayne County Circuit Court (2019), involving insurance coverage and priority issues. Summary disposition granted to client because the company vehicle was not a covered "Auto" based on the Hired "Autos" Only and Nonowned "Auto" Only policy language.
- Quince v Hollywood Holding Co, LLC, et al, Oakland County Circuit Court (2019). Summary disposition granted to client in this slip and fall case based on lack of notice.