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Tara W. Kuchar maintains a diverse law practice. She regularly defends nursing homes and assisted living facilities, premises and manufacturers in products liability claims, and employers confronting allegations of wrongful conduct from employees. Her practice, however, extends beyond litigation. She also provides counsel to businesses in a wide range of employment-related issues.

Ms. Kuchar is detail oriented, is comfortable with complicated facts, and engages in detailed factual investigation to position her clients to obtain favorable outcomes, whether in a courtroom or in mediation.

Her commitment to service extends beyond her law practice. She is an active member of the Junior Service Club of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, where she contributes to her community through hands-on public service and other philanthropic opportunities.

When not serving her clients and her community, Ms. Kuchar enjoys spending time with her husband and exploring new places. Her goal is to visit all 50 states and all U.S. National Parks as well as to complete the Travel Century Club challenge!

Ms. Kuchar considers her community engagement and travel to be not only personally rewarding but also activities that enhance her professional perspective by giving her diverse experiences and

PRACTICES

- Benzene
- Class & Mass Tort Actions
- Employment & Labor
- Healthcare
- Long-Term Care Malpractice
- Medical & Healthcare Malpractice
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices
- Products Liability
- Talc

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University Law School, J.D., magna cum laude, 2008

insights.

Results

DECEMBER 18, 2013

Farroll and Kuchar Obtain Defense Verdict for Client

APRIL 26, 2011

Hepler, Bauer, Speciale, and Kuchar Defeat Plaintiffs' Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment in Multi-Million Dollar Claim

Honors

Professional Associations

- American Health Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel
 - Board of Directors (2025-present)
 - Editor, *IDC Quarterly*
 - Editor in Chief (2017-2018)
 - Executive Editor (2016-2017)
 - Associate Editor (2015-2016)
 - Assistant Editor (2013-2015)
 - Meritorious Service Award (2018)
- Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys
- Madison County (Illinois) Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar

Insights

Events & Speaking Engagements

- "Illinois Rules of Evidence," HeplerBroom University (Edwardsville IL, 2012) (Co-presenter).
- "Medicare: Avoiding Post-Judgment/Post-Settlement Litigation," HeplerBroom University (Edwardsville IL, 2009) (Co-presenter).

- Butler University, B.S. in Finance, 2000

LAW SCHOOL HONORS/INVOLVEMENT

- Academic Excellence Awards in
 - Bioethics
 - Constitutional Law
 - Criminal Law
 - Environmental Law
 - Remedies
 - Secured Transactions
- Order of the Woolsack (academic honor awarded to graduates ranked in the top 10% of their class)

DECEMBER 5, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Kuchar Discusses HIPAA Compliance with County Health Department

JUNE 13, 2024 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Kuchar Presents Employment Seminar to Chamber of Commerce

MAY 16, 2024 | EVENT

Kuchar Presents Workshop on Essential Skills Supervisors Need to Prevent or Mitigate Employment Discrimination Cases

OCTOBER 25, 2023 | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Kuchar to Present Webinar on Legal Considerations for Employee Handbooks to Illinois Manufacturers

Publications

- "Fighting the *Forum Fight*," *IDC Quarterly*, Vol. 29, No. 1 (2019).
- "Are Class Action Counterclaims Removable Under CAFA?" *DRI* (March 2, 2011). (Co-author)

Blog Posts

JULY 1, 2025 | BLOG

Foreign Companies, Meet Illinois Courts: Senate Bill 328

MARCH 20, 2025 | BLOG

Illinois Nursing Home Care Act Amendment Expands Protections Against Retaliation; Requires Additional Training, Education, and Compliance

AUGUST 22, 2023 | BLOG

U.S. Supreme Court Revisits Religious Accommodations in the Workplace: *Groff v. DeJoy*

MARCH 7, 2023 | BLOG

Illinois Set to Further Expand Employee Rights with the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act

NOVEMBER 12, 2019 | BLOG

No "Costs" Uncovered: The Appellate Court's Expansive Redefinition of "Costs"

FEBRUARY 4, 2015 | BLOG

Conversational Privacy – It's A Thing in Illinois

News

JUNE 24, 2025 | FIRM NEWS

Kuchar Appointed to IDC Board