



## **Kendra G. Garstka**

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Kendra Garstka's practice focuses on the representation of insurance carriers and employers in Colorado and Utah workers' compensation and subrogation cases. Ms. Garstka defends and argues cases before the Colorado Division of Workers' Compensation, the Utah Labor Commission, and the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Prior to joining Hall & Evans, Ms. Garstka was an Associate for insurance defense firms in Denver and Chicago. Ms. Garstka began her legal career in Chicago, Illinois as a Staff Attorney for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission where she drafted opinions and decisions on review, orders, and dissent consistent with the Commissioner's rulings.

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### ***Education***

JD: Chicago-Kent  
College of Law,  
Illinois Institute of  
Technology, 2012

BA: American  
University, 2009,  
Journalism and  
Political Science,  
*magna cum laude*

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### ***Bar Admissions***

Colorado, 2017

Utah, 2018

Illinois, 2012, *inactive*

### ***Professional Associations***

Professionals in Workers' Compensation

ALFA International, Steering Committee, Workers' Compensation Practice Group

Colorado Bar Association

Denver Bar Association

### ***Career Distinctions & Honors***

*Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch<sup>®</sup> in America; Workers' Compensation Law, 2021-2025*

*Colorado Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>, "Rising Star," Workers' Compensation, 2024*

### ***Publications & Seminars***

Panelist, "Emerging Trends in and Around Workers' Compensation," ALFA International Future Leaders Seminar, 2023

Presentation, "Marijuana and Colorado Workers' Compensation," Client Seminar, 2018

Presentation, "Evaluating Compensability and Causation Issues (Including the Role of Diagnostic Testing)," Client Seminar, 2018

### ***Business & Community Service***

Co-Vice Chair of Administrative Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association, December 2013 - June 2016

American University Alumni Association, Leadership Team, Chicago Chapter, July 2013 - April 2017

Office of the Governor, Clemency Backlog Elimination Project, September 2012-December 2014

Field Associates, Program Committee Member, Field Museum, July 2013 - April 2017