



JD KEISTER

JD Keister has practiced civil and complex litigation at MGC for nearly two decades. He routinely engages in the representation of parties in construction, professional liability, insurance coverage, bad faith, real estate litigation, catastrophic loss, transportation/automobile litigation, commercial litigation and first party defense for insurance carriers. His expansive construction practice includes the representation of contractors, subcontractors, designers, developers and their insurance companies. His extensive professional liability experience includes the regular representation of architects and engineers, attorneys, real estate brokers and agents, insurance brokers and matters that stem from director and officer liability.

JD serves as MGC's Practice Area Leader for Litigation, guiding our talented group of lawyers and legal professionals as they strive to serve our clients in the best possible manner. He is also known in the insurance industry for his involvement with different litigation management professional associations, including CLM. JD currently serves as a Dean to CLM's School of Litigation Management and is a regular instructor at CLM's Litigation Management Institute (LMI). He serves as a Chair for the Litigation Management Symposium. JD is a former member of the DRI Insurance Roundtable Steering Committee and has held multiple positions with the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys currently serving as Executive Vice President. He has served on a number of industry panels and internal carrier roundtables, assisting in the design and implementation of systems and processes. JD is a regular presenter to national organizations on topics impacting the industry, litigation management and metrics.

JD is married with three children and spends his time traveling with his family, cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes, running, golfing and watching sports.

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PRACTICE AREAS

Adulterated Food
Alcohol Liability
Bad Faith
Commercial Litigation
Construction
Coverage
Director and Officer Liability
Errors and Omissions Liability
Governmental Liability
Litigation
Nursing Home Liability
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Professional Liability
SIU/Arson and Fraud
Slander/Defamation
Transportation
Trucking

EDUCATION

- Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law (JD)
- Bowling Green State University (BA)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Bar Association (Former CLE Chair for Construction Section)
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association
- Wake County Bar Association
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys (Executive Vice President; Board of Directors; Chair, CLE Committee; Former Chair, Construction Law Section)
- Defense Research Institute (Steering Committee of Insurance Roundtable)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance - Eastern North Carolina Chapter (President; Dean of School of Litigation Management)
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society

BAR ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina (2002)
- US District Court, Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina
- US Court of Appeals 4th Circuit

AWARDS

- North Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Star (2009-2011, 2013-2016)
- Business North Carolina Legal Elite - Construction (2014)
- North Carolina Business Leader Magazine Book of Leaders - Legal Section of Charlotte Business Leaders
- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ - AV® Preeminent