

KRISTA G. LA FAVE

Wauwatosa, WI

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Warshafsky, Rotter, Tarnoff & Bloch, S.C. 2016-present
Civil litigation practice focused on personal injuries from claim through settlement, appeal, or arbitration. Main brief writer for both circuit court and appellate levels, including petitions to the supreme court. Review health insurance policies and negotiate with health insurers for substantial reductions of liens to increase recovery for clients. Excel at developing trusting relationships with clients, especially in light of the challenges they face.

Legal Action of Wisconsin 2017-present
Volunteer with Eviction Defense Project. Assist individuals facing eviction proceedings. Negotiate settlements to avoid clients having an eviction on their record.

Simpson & Deardorff, S.C. 2014-16
Civil litigation practice focused on all aspects of insurance defense litigation for personal injuries, property damage (including electrical fires, flood), trucking, and subrogation claims.

Milwaukee County Circuit Court 2013-14
Law clerk for the Honorable Kevin Martens and Petro Colón. Drafted memoranda analyzing dispositive and pre-trial motions. Assisted criminal judges with discrete research on specific issues. Served as Deputy Law Clerk and reviewed applications and participated in interviews with the Honorable David Hansher and Jeffrey Conen.

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana 2012-13
Extern for the Honorable Lance Africk. Researched complex issues in Section 1983, employment, and criminal matters and provided memoranda for the judge and law clerks.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 2012
Intern for the Milwaukee Field Office of the Office of General Counsel.

Supreme Court of Wisconsin 2011
Intern for the Honorable Ann Walsh Bradley.

ACCOLADES

Super Lawyers Rising Star (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40 (2021)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Association for Women Lawyers (current Director of Professionalism; past Director of Programs (2019-20); past Chair for Litigation Discussion Group (2013-20))

State Bar of Wisconsin (Member of Board of Governors (7/1/2018-present); Chair of Strategic Planning Committee (2021-present); member of Executive Committee (2020-21); member

of Strategic Planning Committee and chair of Racial Justice Workgroup (2020-21); state representative to the American Bar Association (2020-present))

Wauwatosa Board of Zoning Appeals (Member (2018-present))

Sheraton Lawns Neighborhood Association in Wauwatosa (President (2018-19); Board Member (2014-19))

EDUCATION

Tulane University Law School

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2013

Received prestigious Tulane 34 Award given to 34 graduates of Tulane University

Executive President of the Tulane Law School Student Bar Association.

Nominated to the Order of the Barristers.

Chair and Competitor, Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Team.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

B.A. in Political Science and French, 2006

Graduated with Honors in the Liberal Arts.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Chicago, IL

Marketing Associate

April 2008-July 2010

Business Development Research Analyst

July 2007-April 2008

Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, S.C.

Madison, WI

Litigation Legal Secretary

April 2006-June 2007