



## KATHERINE L. VOJAS

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Katherine Vojas focuses her practice on litigation and defending major hospitals, doctors, nurses and other professionals against claims of medical malpractice. A member of the firm's award-winning Mass Tort and Catastrophic Loss practice area, she also defends clients in litigation alleging catastrophic injuries as a result of product liability and premises liability.

Katie works with clients in every stage of litigation, spanning state and federal jurisdictions. She formulates defense strategies, motion procedures, discovery processes, settlement negotiations, trial proceedings and appeals. Katie regularly conducts depositions for both fact and expert witnesses. She is also skilled in the seamless management and coordination of intricate litigation matters on behalf of clients.

Katie has appeared in various Illinois and Missouri state courts and has tried two cases to verdict in the City of St. Louis.

### BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Katie was a litigation associate at a midsize St. Louis law firm. She also previously served as a law clerk at a St. Louis personal injury law firm.

### EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2020)
  - Civil Litigation Certificate
  - Civil Litigation Clinic, Rule 13 Student Attorney
  - Saint Louis University Law Journal, Editor and Staff Member
  - First Chair Society, President
  - Women's Law Student Association
  - Health Law Association
- Saint Louis University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2017)
  - Legal Studies and Sociology
  - Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society
  - Student Advisory Committee, Senior Representative and Social Media Content Advisor
  - Amicus Curiae

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Litigation

Litigation

Mass Tort and Catastrophic Loss

Medical Malpractice

Product Liability

Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Data Innovation, Security and Privacy

Health Care and Life Sciences

Internal Investigations and Regulatory Compliance

### ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

Supreme Court of Illinois

Supreme Court of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Women in the Legal Profession Board (Secretary)
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers
- Defense Research Institute, Medical Malpractice Steering Committee Member
- Women's Foundation St. Louis
- Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis

## CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- LeadMO (Board Member and Secretary)
- Hired Up! Missouri

## ACCOLADES

- Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers®, Rising Star (2024)
- Up & Coming Lawyer, Missouri Lawyers Weekly (2024)
- 2023 YWCA Leader in the Workplace

## EXPERIENCE

### **Defense Verdict for University Client in St. Louis City Medical Negligence Trial**

Secured a defense verdict for health care clients in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis. The case involved claims of academic medical practice and allegations that the Department of Ophthalmology failed to timely diagnose and treat a retinal detachment in a severely autistic, nonverbal adult. The defendants denied the allegations and asserted at trial that they were unable to perform a complete eye examination and the presenting complaint of "red eye" did not require further testing such as an examination under anesthesia to examine the back of the eye. The defendants also presented evidence that the retinal detachment ultimately diagnosed about three and half months later was an old injury that had been present for at least a year or possibly years. After a week-long trial where plaintiffs requested nearly \$5 million, the St. Louis City jury deliberated for 30 minutes before rendering its decision in favor of the defendants.

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Spring 2022

**Collateral Source: Constant Confusion**

USLAW Magazine

Winter 2020

**Breaking the Myths: Pain and Suffering Damage Caps**

Saint Louis University Law Journal, Volume 64, Number 2