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## About Jennifer

With more than 30 years of experience, Jennifer focuses her litigation practice on auto accidents, premises liability, wrongful death, trucking, and bad faith insurance disputes. She is also experienced in employment, asbestos, consumer and class action matters, as well as life, health, and disability ERISA cases in state and federal courts in Indiana and Illinois.

## Areas of Focus

**Services:** Complex Tort & General Casualty; Consumer & Class Action Defense;  
Labor & Employment

## Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, 2023 – 2026
- Martindale-Hubbell, Distinguished® Peer Rating
- Valparaiso University School of Law, *Valparaiso University Law Review*, Articles Editor

## Credentials

### Education

Valparaiso University School of Law, JD, *summa cum laude*, 1993

University of Evansville, BS, *summa cum laude*, 1989

## **Bar Admissions**

Illinois

Indiana

## **Court Admissions**

US District Court for the Central District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

US District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

## **Interests**

### **Did you know...**

Jennifer loves a good meal in a nice restaurant and will travel the world over to find her next favorite.

## **Thought Leadership**

### **Presentations**

- Co-Presenter, “Engineering Statutes and Rules for Indiana Professional Engineers,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Webinar, May 27, 2020
- Co-Presenter, “Professional Engineering Practice Act and Rules for Indiana PE’s,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Webinar, May 9, 2018
- Co-Presenter, “Reflection on the Shipley v. Tyco Case & the Myriad of Issues Presented,” ICLEF Advanced Worker’s Compensation: A Masters Series Seminar CLE, March 7, 2018
- “Indiana Statutes and Rules for Professional Engineers,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Springfield, Illinois, May 2016
- “Professional Engineering Practice Act and Rules for Indiana PE’s,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Webinar, May 2014
- “Ethics Rules for Indiana Professional Engineers,” Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Webinar, April 2012

### **Publications**

- “[Indiana’s Peer Review Privilege Statute and Its Effect on a Claim of Negligent Credentialing: Analysis and Proposed Statutory Reform](#),” 27 *Valparaiso University Law Review* 111, 1993

## Event

- Kevin Sido and Jennifer Kalas to Present Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Webinar, May 7, 2014

## Hinshaw Alerts

- Texas District Court Upholds Denial of LTD Benefits Because Claimant Did Not Prove Functional Limitations Within Benefit Waiting Period, Sep 22, 2021
- Court Blocks Plaintiff's Attempt to Conduct Discovery Into Claim Review History of Medical Reviewer, Jun 7, 2021

## Hinshaw Newsletter

- Consumer & Class Action Litigation Newsletter - April 2016 Edition, Apr 18, 2016

## Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022
- Hinshaw Client Success: Indiana Court Dismisses Debtor's One-Penny FDCPA Case, May 6, 2020