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About Kristin

As a litigator, Kristin defends commercial air carriers across the country in state and federal courts, including in high-exposure personal injury cases. She defends airlines against claims of disability services violations, assault, discrimination, and cabin air contamination. Kristin's practice also includes representing aviation and aerospace product manufacturers in personal injury, product liability, and environmental/toxic tort disputes, as well as matters involving experimental aircraft, skydiving, aerial application, and helicopter emergency medical services.

During law school, Kristin obtained the National Sports Law Institute's Sports Law Certificate. She also completed internships with the School District of South Milwaukee and Disability Rights Wisconsin, worked as a law clerk for the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and served as a research assistant.

Kristin's Affiliations

- Chicago Bar Association
- State Bar of Wisconsin

Areas of Focus

Industries: Aviation & Aerospace; Professional Services; Transportation & Mobility

Services: Complex Commercial Litigation ; Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling;
Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Successfully defended a commercial airline client as part of a Cook County trial team, securing a directed verdict on punitive damages of \$0 and a jury verdict of \$10,000 despite the plaintiff seeking eight figures in compensatory and punitive damages.

Recognition

- Marquette University Law School, CALI Award, Legal and Business Issues in Youth, High School, and Recreational Sports; Pro Bono Society; Joseph E. O'Neill Prize, Student Writing; Joseph E. Tierney, Jr., Award; Annual Sports Alumni Scholarship and Achievement Award; *Marquette Sports Law Review*, Articles and Research Editor

Credentials

Education

Marquette University Law School, JD, 2015

Northern Illinois University, BA, *summa cum laude* and university honors, 2012

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Wisconsin

Court Admissions

US District Court for the District of Colorado

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Interests

Did you know...

While an undergraduate, Kristin was a member of the women's volleyball team and was inducted into the Northern Illinois University (NIU) Athletics Hall of Fame in 2022. In 2025, Kristin [spoke about her experience](#) as a collegiate athlete and her life after college in an NIU panel commemorating National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Community/Civic Activities

- The Hope Chest, Volunteer

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Presenter, Aviation Seminar, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, September 10, 2025

Publications

- [“Flipping and Spinning Into Labor Regulations: Analyzing the Need and Mechanisms for Protecting Elite Child Gymnasts and Figure Skaters,”](#) 25 *Marquette Sports Law Review*, 565, 2015

Events

- Hinshaw Sponsors the 26th Annual National Immigrant Justice Center Human Rights Awards, Jun 3, 2025
- Hinshaw is Proud to Sponsor and Compete in Ascend Justice’s Trivia Night, Oct 16, 2024

Press Release

- Hinshaw Elects Eleven New Partners in Seven Offices, Jan 6, 2025