

Blake Kolesa

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A litigator with experience on both the plaintiff's and defense sides of complex cases, Blake Kolesa represents businesses facing class action and other high-stakes matters.

Clients value the communication strengths Blake brings to his work engaging and examining expert witnesses and demonstrates in explaining complex legal concepts related to product liability and mass torts in clear and understandable terms.

Working with his clients through every stage of litigation, Blake offers perspective and insights gained from his experience externing in chancery and appellate courts and working on legal teams handling criminal and civil matters in state and federal trial courts. He also counsels clients on regulatory compliance and how to avoid product liability litigation and product recall.

As a law student, Blake was a fellow of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies and welcomed prospective students to Loyola as an admissions representative. Prior to his legal career, he was a community organizer in rural, downstate Madison, Macoupin, and Montgomery Illinois counties.



EXPERIENCE

Clerkships

Judicial Extern, Hon. Michael Hyman, Illinois Appellate Court, First District (2020)

Judicial Extern, Hon. Celia Gamrath, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division (2019)

CREDENTIALS

Education

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2021, *cum laude*

Executive Editor, *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*

Teaching Assistant, Torts, Contracts, & Criminal Law

Northwestern University, B.S., Education and Social Policy

Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois



Professional Memberships

American Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

Civil Practice & Procedure Section Council

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Northwestern University Marching and Band Alumni Association

Executive Vice President (2021-2023)

President (2023-2025)