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With more than 15 years of experience handling employment and commercial litigation, Partner Kelly Turner is a trusted advocate for individuals, families, and institutions navigating complex legal disputes. She approaches each matter with a focus on clarity, strategy, and resolution, helping clients assess risk, identify the most effective path forward, and pursue constructive outcomes. Known for her transparency and practical counsel, Kelly provides candid assessments early in the process, ensuring clients understand both the strengths and challenges of their cases. She works closely with clients to explain applicable state laws, set realistic expectations, and develop solutions that prioritize efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and long-term stability.

Education:

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL J.D.

- Consumer Law Review, Executive Editor
- Rose Marie Russo Scholarship Recipient
- Elder Law Initiative
- European Comparative Law Program/International Law Program Oxford, England and Rome, Italy

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

- Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society
- Research/ Teaching Assistant
- Publication: "Smuggling" with Mathieu Deflem, as solicited by The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior, Clifton D. Bryant, Editor-in-Chief. Volume 2, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency, Taylor & Francis Publishers.

University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Bar Admissions:

State: Nebraska, South Dakota, Illinois

Experience:

Drew Law Firm P.C. L.L.O., Blair, NE

Attorney, 2015-2021

- Experienced in interpreting legal regulations, rules and laws for individuals and business entities to advise clients on liabilities, compliance, legal rights and obligations. Proficient in drafting pleadings, discovery, case management, trial preparation, settlement negotiation, preparing examination, and cross examination of witnesses. Skilled in gathering evidence to support legal position and proffering reasoned persuasive arguments to the court. I serve as legal advocate and advisor to individuals and businesses on legal issues involving human resource issues, EEOC complaints, business transactions, contract disputes, real estate purchases, property damage litigation, estate planning, probate administration, guardianship, special education law, dissolution of marriage, juvenile and personal injury matters. Extensive experience in drafting pleadings, estate plans, LLC formations, corporate transfers, reviewing leases, and real estate transfers, serving as Guardian ad Litem and assisting with the mediation of probate and family law matters.

The Law Offices of Kelly Henry Turner, P.C., L.L.O., Omaha, NE

Owner- Attorney, 2005-2015

- Served as advocate and advisor on legal issues involving contract, probate administration guardianship, personal injury, juvenile, employment law and criminal matters. Defined case issues, weaknesses and strengths of either side, litigation support, deposition review, and claim/settlement consultation for State Farm defense counsel. Experienced in defending as well as serving as Guardian ad Litem in area District Courts of Douglas, Dodge and Sarpy Counties and the County Courts of Douglas, Dodge, Washington, and Burt counties. Appointed as Special Deputy Attorney General for the Foster Care Review Board. Served as mediator for parties involved with contract probate and family law disputes. Speaker for continuing education seminars in the areas of probate and juvenile law.

Richardson Stasko Boyd & Mack, LLC, Chicago, IL (firm dissolved)

Associate Attorney, 2004-2005

- Advocate for clients on a variety of matters including criminal, commercial law, contract negotiation including structure and review, real estate contracts, civil rights, personal injury, and wrongful death. Interviewed clients and drafted complaints, complex pleadings, motions, discovery compliance and responses to summary judgment for commercial conflicts, real estate issues, personal injury claims and §1983 civil rights violations. Managed all aspects of cases from initial intake interview, client counseling, propounding, and answering written discovery, conducted and defended depositions, participated in mediations, conducted settlement negotiations.

The Law Offices of Susan Lorraine Kennedy, Chicago, IL

Associate Attorney, 2003-2004

- Appeared in court as an advocate for families seeking guardianship of a loved one as well as for persons contesting guardianship. Prepared all documents necessary to open guardianship estate and ensured that all notice requirements were met. Drafted inventories and annual accountings for guardianship estates as well as final accountings to close decedent estates. Research and drafted memorandums of law for the court. Interviewed and counseled clients and potential clients. Served as a liaison between Attorney Kennedy and her clients.

The Honorable Maureen Connors, Chicago, IL
Cook County Circuit Court - Probate Division, Chicago, IL
Legal Intern, 2002-2003

- Researched and drafted memorandum of law on a variety of probate law issues. Developed and implemented a pro-se guardianship help desk staffed by students of the Loyola Elder Law Initiative. Drafted proposals for implementation of a pro-se help desk. Drafted instruction forms for competing documents to open guardianship estates. Conducted training for staff. Acted as liaison between the Loyola Elder Law Initiative and the Cook County Circuit Court - Probate Division.

Professional Organizations:

- Nebraska Bar Association - member
- Illinois State Bar Association - member
- Nebraska Mediation Association - member
- Current Board Member of Imagine Inclusion
- NAMWOLF Labor & Employment PAC
- Former Member of Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Board Millard Public School District
- Former Volunteer Mediator for the Concord Center of Nebraska
- Previous Member of Board of Directors for Southwest YMCA
- Previous Board Member of Metro Area Volunteer Guardian and Conservators
- Presenter for Nebraska Bar Association Continuing Education - Probate and Juvenile
- Member of the Executive Committee Elder law & Special Needs Section of the Nebraska Bar Association