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Practice Areas

- Workers' Compensation Defense

Victor Herrera is a partner at Kopka Law and co-chair of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Recruitment and Mentorship Committee. He is based out of the firm's Chicago office with a statewide practice representing corporations in litigation involving the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, employment law and benefits, sexual harassment, wage and hour litigation, termination and employment resignation, coverage disputes, subrogation and recovery, and the Illinois Workers' Occupational Disease Act, including coal workers' pneumoconiosis (CWP), commonly known as black lung disease, autoimmune disorders, asbestos, and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Victor is experienced in handling administrative, state, and federal court matters. He has successfully represented clients at arbitration, on review before the industrial commission, circuit court, court of appeals, on petition for leave to appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court, and U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Additionally, Victor consults with insurers in navigating major events, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, newly enacted legislation, and unsettled case law on appeal.

Victor is fluent in English and Spanish and proudly services Chicago's Latin American small business community. He is committed to serving his community and routinely provides pro bono legal services to persons in need.

Prior to joining Kopka, Victor worked at the state's largest personal injury law firm, served as designated counsel for the Consulate General of Mexico in Chicago, clerked for a federal district court judge, clerked at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and was a summer associate at an Am Law 100 law firm.

Victor graduated from Fresno Pacific University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and earned his juris doctorate, *cum laude*, from Valparaiso University Law School.

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, *Board Member*
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Workers' Compensation Lawyers Association

Presentations and Publications

- Latin American Labor Week, Mexican Consulate on Wheels, Multiple Venues (August 18-28, 2017)
- "Hot Topics in IL Workers' Compensation for Professional Athletes," Univision Deportes Chicago 1200AM (August 24, 2017)

Admissions

- Illinois

Education

- Valparaiso University Law School, J.D., *cum laude*
- Fresno Pacific University, B.A.