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KOPKA
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Practice Areas

- Appellate Work
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Construction Defect Litigation
- Contract Disputes
- Directors and Officers Litigation
- Dram Shop Litigation
- Environmental Liability
- Legal Malpractice (E&O)
- Municipal Liability Defense
- Municipal Representation and Counsel
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate (E&O)
- Subrogation
- Trusts, Wills, and Estates
- UM/UIM

Amalia J. Yoder focuses her practice on a variety of civil litigation matters including automobile litigation, UM/UIM, subrogation matters, premises liability, environmental liability, and construction defect. She also has experience representing lawyers, real estate professionals, and directors and officers.

Amalia represents a variety of clients, including public entities and municipalities, on general liability claims, alleged Section 1983 claims, discrimination allegations based on race, national origin, age, and sex, as well as retaliation and zoning matters.

Graduating summa cum laude from Valparaiso University School of Law, Amalia also earned her Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy summa cum laude from Indiana University Northwest.

While in law school, Amalia was a Federal Judicial Extern for the Honorable Paul R. Cherry of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. She was awarded the Distinguished Student Award by the Valparaiso University Alumni Association, the Scribes Award in Legal Writing, as well as a nominee for the National Association of Women Lawyers' Outstanding Student of the Year.

In addition, Amalia was President of the Student Bar Association and the International Moot Court Society. She participated in the Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot

Court Competition and was awarded Best Oralist in the International Moot Court Society Intra-School Competition.

When she is not advocating for her clients, Amalia is active in her local community and is the chairperson for Kopka Cares in Crown Point, where she helps organize food and clothing drives, volunteer opportunities, and charitable contributions. She also volunteers for 500 Turkeys, a program that provides free Thanksgiving meals for families in need.

Memberships

- Indiana State Bar Association

Trial and Case Highlights

- Amalia was successful in a small claims matter involving an insurance company who improperly filed a document on behalf of one of its insureds with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. As a result, the insured's driver's license was suspended. In the small claims action, the plaintiff insured alleged pain and suffering damages as a result of the suspension and filing. Such damages are not supported by Indiana law. After arguing the damages component, the judge agreed that damages were improper and entered a full defense verdict. Prior to the hearing, settlement negotiations were ongoing, and the insurance company offered to tender the plaintiff's full damages request.

Admissions

- Indiana
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana

Education

- Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*
- Indiana University Northwest, B.A., *summa cum laude*