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Practice Areas

- Appellate Work
- Automobile Accident Defense
- Bad Faith
- Civil Rights
- Class Action Litigation
- Corporate
- Correctional Facility and Civil Rights Litigation
- Coverage Litigation
- Directors and Officers Litigation
- Environmental Liability
- Fire and Explosion Litigation
- Healthcare and Long-Term Care Defense
- Medical Malpractice
- Municipal Liability Defense
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- Professional Liability
- Subrogation
- Workers' Compensation Defense

Herschel joined Kopka Law Group in 2022 and practices litigation with an emphasis in defense, insurance, occupational accident defense, subrogation matters, municipal, public entities, and civil rights law. He also handles a variety of correctional facility claims with a focus on their healthcare partners. He is often called upon to speak at conferences and provide continued education seminars to claims and legal professionals on negligence, alternative dispute resolution, and civil rights issues.

Herschel's grandfather was a State Supreme Court Justice, and his grandmother was the first woman to graduate from her law school. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Herschel followed in his grandparents' footsteps and attended the University of Wisconsin Law School. Herschel graduated law school *cum laude*, was awarded the Dean's Academic Achievement Award, and earned an Honors Concentration in Business Law.

Following graduation, Herschel was a judicial law clerk for multiple judges in the First Judicial District of Wisconsin. As a judicial clerk, Herschel drafted decisions and orders on a litany of legal topics, including complex and novel legal issues relating to insurance coverage, products liability, premises liability, construction, and employment law. In his time in private practice, Herschel has vigorously defended clients in a wide array of legal fields. He has achieved success in several cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Herschel has also been

awarded summary judgment in countless cases, including many reported Federal court decisions.

Presentations and Publications

- “Litigation and Compliance,” client presentation (2026)
- “AI Impact: Challenges and Change for Legal and Insurance Professionals,” client presentation (2026)
- “Spoliation of Evidence and the Impact of Social Media Investigations,” client presentation (2025 & 2026)
- “Trends in Trials and Litigation,” client presentation (2025)
- “Navigating Legal Complexities, Managing Risk, and More,” client presentation (2024)
- “Trial Strategies and Early Resolutions,” client presentation (2024)
- “Risk Transfer,” client presentation (2024)
- “Economically Handling Pro Se Prisoner Civil Rights Lawsuits,” Defense Attorney Summit (2023)
- “Alternative Dispute Resolutions,” client presentation (2023)
- “RFN and RFA,” client presentation (2023)
- “Traumatic Brain Injuries,” client presentation (2023)
- “Anatomy of a Pro Se Civil Rights Lawsuit from Inception to Dismissal” (2022)
- “PLRA Inadequate Medical Care Claims and Effective Cooperation Between Medical and Correctional Defendants,” Wisconsin Corporate Counsel Defense Counsel Forum (2022)
- “Basics of a Claims Investigation and Law Updates” (2022)

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for Central Illinois
- U.S. District Court for Eastern Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for Nebraska
- U.S. District Court for Northern Illinois
- U.S. District Court for Western Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Circuit Court, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court

Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D., cum laude
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A.