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## Practice Areas

- Appellate Work
- Automobile Accident Defense
- Bad Faith
- Dram Shop Litigation
- Jail and Prison Liability
- PIP
- Products Liability
- Railroads, Warehouse, and Freight Broker Liability
- Subrogation
- Transportation Defense
- UM/UIM
- Wrongful Death Defense

James G. Magrames joined Kopka Law Group in 1999 and focuses his insurance defense practice on construction cases, transportation litigation, auto liability, product liability, subrogation matters, and professional liability such as architects and engineers. He regularly attends state and national seminars on transportation and construction litigation to stay abreast of trends and law updates.

Jim also handles cases throughout Indiana for an internationally known soft drink corporation and represented a long-established Northwest Indiana paving contractor for more than a decade. Jim has routinely represented numerous local construction and transportation companies in various forms of litigation.

Jim has been successful in achieving summary judgments on behalf of many clients, including cases involving an automobile accident, a snowplow removal company regarding a slip and fall injury, a worksite construction accident, and a roadway paving project.

Prior to joining the firm, Jim was a Deputy Prosecutor with the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for two years. He also served as an assistant high school football coach from 1997 through 2009. Jim and his wife Sue live in St. John, Indiana with their daughter, Madison.

## Memberships

- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)

## **Trial and Case Highlights**

- In a recent trial, the plaintiff claimed more than \$150,000 in damage to her home, in-ground swimming pool, driveway, basement, and patio caused by alleged negligent road and sewer construction. The jury returned a verdict in less than 20 minutes in favor of the corporate defendant even though the plaintiff presented eleven witnesses, including two experts at trial.
- In an automobile accident trial, the plaintiff claimed a torn rotator cuff injury which required surgery. The plaintiff presented more than \$48,000 in medical expenses and a workers' compensation lien of more than \$70,000. Even though liability was admitted, the jury returned a verdict of only \$35,000 in response to the plaintiff's request of \$250,000 at trial.

## **Admissions**

- Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

## **Education**

- Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D.
- Central Michigan University, B.S., Business Administration