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Practice Areas

- Workers' Compensation Defense

Jeanmarie Calcagno handles workers' compensation cases in Kopka Law's Chicago office. She represents employers from many different aspects of the business arena including small business, middle market, corporate, and construction clients.

Before joining the firm, Jeanmarie worked for a large Illinois firm and handled cases before the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, circuit courts, and appellate courts.

Her strong business background and insight comes from her experience as an Assistant Vice President/Claims Manager and Workers' Compensation Regional Product Supervisor for Zurich North America. As a claims manager, she used her target market knowledge to identify how the organization could best service its customers' claim service needs. She was also recognized as both a technical consultant and advisor inside and outside the company where she provided technical guidance within field offices. In addition, Jeanmarie also developed, prepared, and implemented the claims litigation management strategy during her time at Zurich.

Jeanmarie began her legal career as an Assistant State's Attorney representing Cook County in its workers' compensation cases. She was awarded a Juris Doctorate from the Chicago Kent College of Law, a Master of Business Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and a Bachelor of Science in Commerce from DePaul University.

Memberships

- Illinois State Bar Association

Presentations and Publications

- “Workers’ Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements (WCMSA),” National Business Institute (June 2021)
- “How to Get a Zero,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients (July 2020)
- “Assessing Liability in *Evans v. Walmart* & Other COVID-19 Wrongful Death Suits” (April 2020)
- “Inaugural Great American BDL WC Quiz,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients (December 2016)
- “Lower Back Injury Claims, Lorman Education Services” (September 2016)
- “Ask a Workers’ Compensation Attorney Anything,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients (December 2015)
- “Causation in Illinois Workers’ Compensation Claims,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients (March 2015)
- “Workers’ Compensation Negotiation Strategies,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov Clients (May 2014)
- “Respondent’s Payment for Own IME Can Extend Statute of Limitations,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (April 2020)
- “Permanent Total Benefits Denied Based on Respondent’s Vocational Expert,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (July 2019)
- “Workers’ Compensation Act Bars Borrowed Employee’s Negligence Action,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (March 2019)
- “Commission Reverses Benefits Award in Absence of Work-Related Cause,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (October 2018)
- “Medical Care Providers Have No Standing Under Workers’ Compensation Act to Pursue Interest on Medical Bill,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (July 2018)
- “Benefits Denied for Slip & Fall on Paid Break,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (April 2018)
- “Preexisting Injuries are Aggravating,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (November 2017)
- “Appellate Court Vacates Commission Award of Medical Expenses, Penalties and Attorney’s Fees,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (May 2017)

- “Commission Rejects Typing as Trigger for CTS,” Bryce Downey & Lenkov *Illinois Workers’ Compensation Newsletter* (November 2016)

Admissions

- Illinois
- Illinois Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Education

- Chicago Kent College of Law, J.D.
- Illinois Institute of Technology, M.B.A
- DePaul University, B.S.