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PRACTICES

Medical Malpractice Defense

Product Liability

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (J.D., 2013)

Albion College (B.A., 2010)

ADMITTED

State Bar of Michigan, 2013

ATTORNEY

Kelly Houk is a senior counsel attorney at Smith Haughey. She specializes in personal injury and contract matters. It is her privilege to defend physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, pharmacists and dentists in medical malpractice and licensing actions. Her trial experience includes medical malpractice, bankruptcy, breach of contract and trade secret misappropriation matters.

Her other clients manufacture pharmaceuticals, medical devices, automobiles, elevators, escalators and furnaces. She is adept at defending a variety of products and premises in asbestos litigation, as well as companies and employee-drivers in auto negligence cases. Kelly also has experience with insurance and commercial matters, including matters involving significant secured debt.

A graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Kelly earned her J.D., graduating magna cum laude in 2013. During law school, she excelled in legal writing, administrative law and franchising law; served as a title editor for the University of Detroit Mercy Law Review; and was inducted into the Frank Murphy Honor Society for ranking in the top 10% of her class. In 2019, she received the University of Detroit Mercy's Rising Star Award. She served on the board of directors of the Albion College Alumni Association from 2017 to 2024.

Kelly lives in West Bloomfield with her partner, Vince Vitale, and their daughter. They enjoy spending time on North Lake in Chelsea during the summer and in Albion in the fall.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers in 2023