



## Michael R. Kruse

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- Greater Milwaukee

### Service Areas:

- Labor & Employment Relations
- Litigation
- Personal Injury

### Education:

- J.D., *cum laude*, Saint Louis University School of Law
- B.A., *cum laude*, Augustana College

### Admissions:

- Missouri
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

Michael is an experienced litigation attorney skilled in a broad range of different matters with significant first and second chair trial experience. Much of Michael's experience has come in complex and lengthy matters that often involve substantial amounts of money. He utilizes his research, writing, and advocacy skills to provide tremendous value to the clients he represents.

### Affiliations

- Member – State Bar of Wisconsin
- Member – Wisconsin Association for Justice
- Member – City of Milwaukee Ethics Board
- Member and Past President – Waukesha Rotary Club

## **Articles & Presentations**

- The Rules of Evidence: A Practical Toolkit, Handling Email, Social Media and other ESI – August 2015
- Advanced Civil Litigation Skills in Wisconsin, Authentication and Admission of Social Media, Smart Phone, and Email Evidence – December 2015
- Employers Must Review Overtime Exempt Employees in Light of Upcoming Changes in Regulations – TDMAW Surgeons of Steel, July 27, 2016
- Personal Injury Evidence: Social Media, Smartphones, Experts and Medical Records – Smartphone and Text Evidence in Personal Injury Litigation; Social Media: Preventing Damaging Content from Ruining the Injury Case – September 2016
- Think Before You Post – How Social Media Impacts Litigation – TDMAW Surgeons of Steel, October 25, 2016
- Smartphone and Text Evidence in Personal Injury Litigation – February 2017
- Personal Injury: Getting Your Evidence Admitted, Relevance and Exclusionary Rules: Prior Injuries, Accidents and More; Motions in Limine and Objections: When and How to Use – June 2017; February 2019
- Personal Injury: Secrets Only the Top Attorneys Know – October 2018
- Ethical Considerations in Representing Several Aligned Parties – October 2020
- Hidden Conflicts: Conflicts of Interest Arising in Unexpected Situations – October 2022

## **Awards & Recognitions**

- Wisconsin Rising Stars® (Civil Litigation) – 2019 - 2024

## **Notable Representations**

- Helped an individual injured in motor vehicle collision obtain a seven-figure settlement
- Represented the estate of an individual killed by a drunk driver in wrongful death jury trial resulting in \$915,000 verdict
- Second-chaired jury trial resulting in \$652,000 verdict, including \$384,000 in punitive damages in a personal injury matter
- Second-chaired jury trial resulting in \$530,000 verdict for pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle

## **Service Area Subspecialties**

- Litigation
  - Insurance Litigation