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Biography

Justin Nestor is a Partner and Business Unit Leader at Kelley Kronenberg focusing his multi-state practice on workers' compensation defense throughout Indiana and Illinois. He also serves as a mediator for Workers' Compensation claims. Justin's extensive expertise allows him to handle cases at all levels up to the Appellate Court. His client base spans across various industries, representing construction and trucking companies, commercial contract carriers, retailers, manufacturers, municipalities, and self-insureds. He also works closely with third-party administrators and insurance carriers.

In addition, Justin boasts experience in subrogation, personal injury, and premises liability defense and defending unemployment claims.

Before pursuing his legal career, Justin dedicated eight years of service to the Lowell Police Department in Indiana as a municipal officer, ultimately earning the esteemed rank of Corporal.

Justin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice & Criminology from Ball State University and earned his Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Admissions

- Indiana
- United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- Illinois
- Unites States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Education

- Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D., 2004
- Ball State University B.S., 1997

Industry Updates

- Town of St. John, Indiana
  - Police Commissioner, 2024

- Plan Commission Member, 2024

- “Cadaver Lab Medical/Legal Workers’ Compensation Panel Discussion,” JPB Marketing Solutions Seminar, June 2022
- “Communicable Diseases and Their Impact on Workers’ Compensation in the Modern Era,” National Restaurant & Retail Defense Association Annual Conference, March 2022
- “Reframe Your Approach to Communicable Disease Claims, Pandemic and Beyond,” National Workers’ Compensation & Disability Conference, October 2021
- “Workers’ Compensation Issues Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic,” South Shore Visitors & Convention Bureau, August 2020
- “Medical-Legal Summit,” Multiple Firm clients, October 2019
- “What’s This Claim Worth?” Firm clients, May 2017
- “Indiana Forms: Taking A Claim from Start to Finish,” Firm clients, September 2016
- “Illinois Workers’ Compensation Law,” Workers’ Compensation Educational Conference, August 2016
- “A Day in The Life of a Workers’ Compensation Claim,” Beyond Safety & Reliability Conference & Expo, February 2016
- “Crossing The Border: Top 5 Issues in Illinois & Indiana WC,” November 2015
- “Illinois Workers’ Compensation,” Conference on Multi-State Workers’ Compensation Laws WCDI Conference, August 2015, 2016 & 2017
- “Workers’ Compensation Claims: Initial Investigation Strategies,” Beyond Safety & Reliability Conference & Expo, March 2015
- “Strategies & Tactics for Defending Indiana Workers’ Compensation Claims,” February 2015
- “Adjusting Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Seminar,” October 2014
- “Multi-State Compare/Contrast Topics,” Conference on Multi-State Workers’ Compensation Laws, August 2014
- “Turning the Tables: Using an Employee’s Actions as a Defense to Their Workers’ Compensation Claim,” Beyond Safety Expo, 2014
- “Illinois vs. Indiana: 5 Key Workers’ Compensation Issues and How Each State Deals with Them,” Firm clients, June 2013
- “Indiana Workers’ Compensation Overview,” Firm clients, January 2013
- “Hot Topics: Indiana and Illinois Workers’ Compensation”, June 2012
- “Indiana WC Forms, PPI and Assorted Topics,” Firm clients
- “Indiana Workers’ Compensation Topics,” Firm clients
- “Indiana Workers’ Compensation 101: Multiple Firm clients,” 2010 and 2011
- “Legal Ethics in Indiana Workers’ Compensation Cases,” Solutions to Challenging Workers’ Compensation Cases in Indiana, Diamond Mark Meetings, December 2010
- “2010 Legal Updates in Indiana,” Northwest Chapter of Indiana Workers’ Compensation Institute, November 17, 2010
- “Turning the Tables: How to Use an Employee’s Own Actions as a Defense to Their Worker’s Compensation Claim,” June 2010

- Author, “Protecting Your Bottom Line from Injury: 5 Tips for Reducing Your Workers’ Compensation Claims Exposure,” *Building Indiana,* March/April 2016
- Author, “Turning the Tables: Using an Employee’s Own Actions as a Defense to Their Workers’ Compensation Claim”, *Building Indiana,* March/April 2014

- Illinois State Bar Association, Member
- Workers’ Compensation Lawyers’ Association, Member
- Indiana State Bar Association, Member
- Indiana Workers’ Compensation Institute
  - Past President, 2012
  - Board Member, 2011
- Lake County (Indiana) Bar Association, Member
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), Member

Awards

- *Best Lawyers,* “The Best Lawyers in America,” Workers’ Compensation Law – Employers, 2015 – 2027