

Keith P. Duffy

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DES MOINES OFFICE

As a member of the firm's [litigation](#) team, Keith enjoys taking on a range of issues on behalf of his clients. Keith has represented insurance carriers, employers, and administrators who have been accused of bad faith denial of benefits in state and federal court, and has also represented clients before the Iowa Workers' Compensation Commissioner. His practice also includes the defense of uninsured/underinsured motorist (UM/UIM) claims, other personal injury claims, and commercial litigation.

Keith also represents clients in creditor rights and bankruptcy disputes involving the collection of a variety of secured and unsecured debts, including the collection of non-consumer civil judgments. Keith taught Bankruptcy and Debt Collection as an adjunct instructor at Drake University Law School in spring 2018.

Prior to joining the firm, Keith served as a law clerk to Justice Bruce Zager of the Iowa Supreme Court and the Hon. James E. Gritzner, Chief Judge of the Southern District of Iowa. Keith earned his law degree with highest honors from Drake University Law School and was elected to the Order of the Coif, along with serving as the Research Editor of the Drake Law Review, and participating in Drake's National Moot Court team. While at Drake, Keith also served as a research assistant to Professor Neil Hamilton and earned the Food and Agricultural Law Certificate.

RECOGNITION

[Dwight D. Opperman Scholarship](#)

[Order of the Coif](#)

[The Order of the Barristers](#)

[Drake Law Review](#)

Research Editor, 2010–2011

SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

["Understanding Bad Faith Denial of Workers' Compensation Benefits in Iowa"](#)

Nyemaster Goode Webinar, September 2021

["The Nuts and Bolts of Bad Faith"](#)

Iowa Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee Symposium, June 2021

["Iowa's 2016 Amendment to the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act. What Difference Do They Make?"](#)

Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation, September, 2016

["Soil Carbon Offsets and the Problem of Land Tenure: Constructing Effective Cap & Trade Legislation"](#)

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Administrative Hearings, Arbitrations & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Practice
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation
- Creditor Rights & Bankruptcy
- Estate, Trust & Fiduciary Litigation
- Insurance Coverage & Conduct
- Personal Injury & Tort Defense
- Workers' Compensation

EDUCATION

- Truman State University (B.A., magna cum laude)
- Drake University (J.D., with highest honors)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Iowa
- Admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa
- Admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Iowa

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Law Clerk, Hon. James E. Gritzner, United States District Court, Southern District of Iowa
- Law Clerk, Hon. Bruce Zager, Iowa Supreme Court

