DANIEL KOWALSKI

Attorney | Commercial Litigation Associate

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SUMMARY

Commercial litigation associate with 5 years of experience in federal and state court. Manage day-to-day work on 12–15 cases with $2 million to $40 million in dispute. Took or defended 22 depositions and second-chaired a 6-day federal jury trial that ended in a defense verdict. Admitted in Illinois, the Northern District of Illinois, and the Seventh Circuit.

EXPERIENCE

Associate, Commercial Litigation — *Ashby Morrow Kincaid LLP* Sept 2023–Present

Full-service firm with 180 lawyers; 35-lawyer commercial litigation group.

- Manage day-to-day work on 12–15 commercial cases in federal and state court, with $2 million to $40 million in dispute.
- Drafted the summary judgment motion in a $14 million supply-contract dispute; the court granted it on 4 of 5 counts, and the case settled 3 weeks later.
- Second-chaired a 6-day jury trial in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois: examined 4 witnesses and drafted 9 motions in limine; the jury returned a defense verdict.
- Took or defended 16 depositions, including 5 expert depositions, in breach-of-contract and trade secret cases.
- Led 8 contract attorneys through a review of 410,000 documents in Relativity in 10 weeks to meet a court-ordered production deadline.

Associate, Litigation — *Calloway Hesse Price LLP* Sept 2021–Aug 2023

Regional firm with 60 lawyers; business litigation and insurance coverage practice.

- Drafted 38 motions and briefs, including 11 motions to dismiss; the court granted 7 of the 11 in full or in part.
- Argued 15 motions in the Circuit Court of Cook County and won 10.
- Took or defended 6 depositions and prepared 14 witnesses for their depositions.
- Wrote and answered written discovery in 20 cases and negotiated 3 protective orders with opposing counsel.
- Wrote 25 research memos on Illinois contract and insurance law for 4 partners.

EDUCATION

Lakemont University School of Law May 2021

Juris Doctor (J.D.), cum laude

Prairie Hollow College May 2018

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

SKILLS

Litigation:	Motion practice and briefs, Depositions (fact and expert), Written discovery and ESI protocols, Trial preparation and motions in limine, Settlement negotiation
Practice areas:	Breach of contract, Trade secrets and restrictive covenants, Business torts, Insurance coverage disputes
Research and technology:	Westlaw, Lexis+, Relativity, CaseMap, PACER and CM/ECF

AWARDS & HONOURS

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Articles Editor, Lakemont Law Review May 2020
Lakemont University School of Law
Edited 6 articles for one volume of the law review.

Best Brief Award, Moot Court Competition Mar 2020
Lakemont University School of Law

CERTIFICATES

Bar admission, Illinois Nov 2021
Supreme Court of Illinois

Bar admission, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Jan 2022
U.S. District Court, N.D. Ill.

Bar admission, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Jun 2024
U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Cir.

LANGUAGES

English (Native) · Polish (Professional working proficiency)

VOLUNTEERING

Pro Bono Attorney — *Northside Tenant Law Project* Mar 2022–Present
Free legal help for tenants in eviction cases in Cook County.

- Represented 14 tenants in eviction cases; 9 cases ended in a dismissal or an agreed move-out with no judgment.
- Gave 95 pro bono hours in 2025.

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