

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

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.