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education

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (J.D., 2007)

- *cum laude*, William L. Crowe, Sr. Scholar; Recipient, Judge S. Sanford Levy Memorial Scholarship; Moot Court Staff Member, 2005–2007; Brief Writer, 2007 Pepperdine Entertainment Law Moot Court Team

Louisiana State University (B.A., 2004)

- *History, cum laude*

admissions

Louisiana

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

I build integrity-driven relationships with clients and effectively communicate case strategy at every phase of a matter. Clients can expect honest, realistic guidance based on my thorough understanding of the law and their bottom line. I realistically manage each client's needs and expectations while listening, strategizing, and thinking creatively.

Kieffer Petree is a trial lawyer who represents clients defending high-stakes casualty matters and general commercial litigation. As a litigation attorney, Kieffer handles casualty work for which she advises clients on claims, including personal injury, wrongful death, and indemnity arising from industrial accidents and explosions. She supports in-house counsel as they navigate insurance matters involving high deductibles and high self-insured retention. She successfully negotiates outcomes for clients when possible and takes matters to court when necessary. Kieffer represents clients from industries including transportation, oil and gas, construction, petrochemical, and maritime.

Her clients appreciate her style of open communication that facilitates efficient work. A true problem-solver,

industries

Chemical and Industrial Services
Construction
Insurance
Manufacturing
Transportation and Logistics

services

Appellate
Products Liability
Asbestos and Toxic Torts
Class Action Defense
Commercial Litigation
Insurance Defense and Coverage

affiliations

Professional

- Louisiana State Bar Association, 2007–Present
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, 2015–Present
- Transportation Lawyers Association, 2019–Present

Community

- St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Member and Volunteer
- St. Aloysius Parish Fair Committee, Member, 2016–present
- St. Aloysius Catholic School, Volunteer
- Woodgate Homeowners' Association Board, Secretary, 2016–present
- Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, Board Member

Kieffer effectively analyzes the details unique to each case and performs extensive cost analysis to advocate in her clients' best interest.

Kieffer focuses her practice on general and commercial litigation, with significant railroad, trucking, admiralty and maritime, and commercial matters experience. She regularly defends clients in:

- Catastrophic casualty claims
- Class actions
- Commercial construction disputes
- Contractual claims
- Employee injury claims
- Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA) claims
- Jones Act claims
- Maritime indemnity matters
- Platform explosion claims
- Railroad crossing accident claims
- Real estate/property matters
- Regulatory matters
- Residential property damage claims

Representative Experience

Asbestos and Toxic Torts: Defend asbestos and other toxic exposure claims

Class Action: Represented a client in a commercial class action involving claims under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)

Construction: Defends Energy, Chemicals, and Resources (ECR) global engineering company in a variety of personal injury claims on construction sites.

Insurance Defense: Represented a commercial insurance carrier that insures company trucking fleets and other company

vehicles in professional responsibility, wrongful death and other civil claims

Oil and Gas: Defend several oil and gas production companies in Jones Act and other maritime claims relating to personal injury, collision, and cargo

Oil and Gas: Represented a manufacturer in multiple wrongful death actions and injury claims arising from a pipeline explosion

Oil and Gas: Represented a platform operator in multiple wrongful death actions and catastrophic injury claims arising from an explosion

Railroad: Represented a Class I railroad in multiple crossing accident suits, toxic tort suits, and class actions, and successfully appealed a class-certification ruling

Trade Practices: Represented a client in commercial litigation under the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices Act

Trucking: Defend trucking companies in Louisiana through their commercial insurance carrier

media and publications

["Law360 Names Attys Who Moved Up The Firm Ranks In Q1,"](#)
Law360, May 8, 2019

["Baton Rouge, New Orleans area People in Business for Jan. 9, 2019,"](#) *The Advocate*, January 13, 2019