



Kelly McCall Brian

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EDUCATION

Louisiana State University

Juris Doctor, Bachelor of Civil Law
2007

Louisiana State University

Bachelor of Science, Marketing
2002

BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

State of Louisiana

United States District Court for Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, Louisiana State Bar Association, 22nd JDC Bar Association, Former Co-Chair, Women in Law Section, American Bar Association
- Member/former board member, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel

ABOUT

Kelly Brian brings a diverse professional background and a thoughtful, practical approach to her legal practice at Smith Sconzert. Kelly takes pride in guiding health care providers through some of the most challenging moments of their professional lives. Whether defending complex litigation or representing clients before licensing and regulatory boards, she is committed to providing strategic, practical, and compassionate counsel, as well as strong advocacy. Her approach is grounded in a deep understanding of the healthcare industry and a genuine respect for the professionals who serve it.

CORE PRACTICE AREAS

Medical Professional Liability Defense

Defends physicians, nurses, dentists, and healthcare institutions in medical professional liability matters, including proceedings before Medical Review Panels and all subsequent phases of litigation.

Healthcare Regulatory & Licensing Defense

Assists nursing home and long-term care facilities with compliance with federal regulations, survey deficiencies, plans of correction, and quality of care and resident rights complaints; represents physicians, dentists, and other healthcare professionals before state licensing and regulatory boards, handling matters involving board complaints, investigations and alleged violations of professional rules and regulations.

Premises Liability Defense

Represents hospitals, healthcare facilities and commercial entities in premises liability claims arising from alleged unsafe or hazardous conditions



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Kelly is actively involved in community service, serving on the Board of Directors for the Youth Service Bureau for over ten years, including serving as Chairman of the Board. Kelly has also spent the better part of a decade volunteering with Habitat for Humanity through onsite home builds, with a particular focus on the Women's Build campaign, as well as through fundraising efforts, including participation in the Hammers and Heels Women's Build fundraiser. In addition, Kelly is Class of 2018 graduate of Leadership St. Tammany, a program designed to strengthen leadership skills and foster a deep sense of civic responsibility by educating participants on the interconnected roles of government, business and civic and cultural organizations within St. Tammany Parish.

BEYOND THE OFFICE

Outside of the office, Kelly values spending time with her family and staying actively involved in her children's lives and activities. With the constant support of her husband, who shares the same commitment to family, service and community, Kelly volunteers with her children's school and currently serves as President of both the Bulldogs Quarterback Club and the Bulldogs Baseball Booster Club at Fontainebleau High School. Much of Kelly's free time is spent in the stands cheering on her children as they compete in football, baseball, soccer and track. These shared experiences reinforce the importance of teamwork, dedication and accountability — values that shape Kelly's approach to the practice of law. The same partnership, responsiveness and genuine care that guide Kelly's family and community involvement define the way she builds strong, trusted relationships with her clients.

EXPERTISE & RECOGNITION

Awards

- *Louisiana Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2016, 2017 and 2020*
- *LADC Frank L. Maraist Award nominee, 2018*
- *America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators for Louisiana 2019, 2020*

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- *Lachney v. Gates, et al., 23-682 (La.App. 3 Cir. 4/3/24), 386 So.3d 1123. (Dismissal affirmed.)*
- *Vesoulis v. ReShape LifeSciences, et al., 21-30367 (5th Cir. 4/1/22). (Defense verdict affirmed.)*
- *Pulliam v. Curahealth New Orleans, LLC, 2025-0240 (La. App. 4 Cir. 12/3/25) (Dismissal affirmed)*
- *Gary v. Women & Children's Hospital of Delaware, LLC, 18-30468 (5th Cir. 12/13/18) Dismissal affirmed.*
- *In re: Medical Review Panel of Tara Lorraine, 2014-1428 (La.App. 1 Cir. 1/19/16). (Defense verdict affirmed)*