



## Kristina E. Thompson

Of Counsel

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Kristina Thompson practices in the areas of insurance defense, premises liability, premises security liability, employer vicarious liability and products liability. Kristina's practice primarily includes defending individuals, corporations and insurance companies against claims brought at all levels. She performs all aspects of litigation, including investigations, pleadings, written discovery, motion practice, depositions, settlement releases and trial. Kristina has been successful in defending cases at the trial court and appellate levels.

Before law school, Kristina worked for a member of the United States Senate in Washington D.C., attending briefings, meeting with interest groups, and conducting research on energy, small business, government operations and environment issues for the senator. During law school, Kristina clerked for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security. As a legal clerk, Kristina analyzed pending legislation and amendments to provide vote recommendations, and researched and drafted legislation on a wide variety of issues, including human trafficking, labor tracking and human smuggling, and, most notably, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (introduced in 2015).

After being admitted to the Georgia Bar, Kristina returned to Washington, D.C. and served as Legislative Counsel and Director of the Victims' Rights Caucus in the United States House of Representatives. She provided advice and counsel to a member of Congress on pending legislation and developments related to health care, education, science, budget, tax, trade, crime and victims' rights, and appropriations, and managed the 85-member bipartisan Victims' Rights Caucus, helping to advance crime victim initiatives through the legislative process. After three years in the House, Kristina returned to her hometown of Atlanta, Georgia, to practice law.

### Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Contractual/Extra-Contractual Liability Litigation
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance

## Education

- University of Georgia School of Law (J.D., 2015)
  - Vice President, Moot Court
- Texas A&M University (B.A., 2010)
  - magna cum laude

## Bar Admissions

- Georgia

## Court Admissions

- Georgia Superior Court

## Professional Affiliations

- Georgia Bar Association
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association

# Client Wins

### **Atlanta Team Secures Settlement at a Fraction of Plaintiff's Eight-figure Demand**

Michael Manfredi (Partner—Atlanta, GA), Kristina Thompson (Of Counsel—Atlanta, GA), and Jennifer Sands (Associate—Atlanta, GA) secured a significant defense outcome in a premises liability case arising from a shooting on the defendants' apartment-style residential property. The plaintiff sustained gunshot wounds to his lower extremities and faces a potential future amputation. His initial demand was for \$30 million, and he filed suit against our insured clients in Gwinnett County State Court. The Atlanta defense team vigorously defended the case through discovery and contentious motions practice, maintaining that the plaintiff's injuries resulted from unforeseeable third-party criminal acts for which the property owner and management are not liable. Despite substantial resistance from opposing counsel, the team successfully obtained the underlying criminal investigative files, which revealed numerous material inconsistencies – including lies and omissions - between the plaintiff's statements to law enforcement and his civil discovery responses and testimony. Based on these findings, the team filed a Motion for Sanctions for Discovery Abuses seeking dismissal of the Complaint. While the motion was pending, plaintiff's counsel reduced the demand from \$30 million to \$3 million, which was one-tenth of the initial demand. The case ultimately resolved for an amount below that reduced figure.