



Lara Lickhalter

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Lara Lickhalter has more than a decade of experience litigating catastrophic trucking and transportation claims involving motor carriers, freight brokers, bus lines and contract carriers in the areas of bodily injury, property damage, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and DOT compliance. Lara has a clear understanding of the unique issues facing commercial carriers including theories of negligent selection, hours of service and load securement.

A member of the firm's nationwide 24/7 response program that helps ensure team members are engaged during the first critical hours following an accident, Lara has significant experience in rapid response, preparing on-site defense strategy, coordinating efforts to secure evidence and experts, and responding to catastrophic losses throughout Illinois.

Lara also has considerable experience representing retail establishments, night clubs and other premises owners in litigation surrounding premises liability. She has tried personal injury and professional liability cases to verdict in numerous Illinois venues.

Lara is an active member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA), a leading industry organization with more than 1,600 industry members including motor carriers, trucking insurers, defense attorneys and claims-serving companies that is devoted to sharing knowledge and resources for defense of the trucking industry. Lara currently serves as a member of the TIDA Board of Directors. She routinely presents continuing education programs for claims professionals on a range of industry-specific topics.

Education

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D., 2011)

Services

- Transportation

- Certificate in Advocacy
- Loyola University Chicago (B.A. Political Science, *cum laude*, 2007)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Federal Trial Bar

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), Trucking Law Committee
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA), Chair, Interactive Education Committee; Member, Annual Committee
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in Illinois *Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™*, 2016–2024
- Selected for inclusion in Top 40 Under Forty, Illinois Attorneys to Watch, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin | Chicago Lawyer Magazine, 2024
- Emerging Leader Award, Trucking Industry Defense Association, 2022