



Lynsie Gaddis Rust

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Lynsie Rust focuses her litigation practice in general civil defense, with an emphasis on trucking and transportation defense, general tort defense, commercial disputes and trial advocacy.

Transportation, Cargo & Logistics

Lynsie has extensive experience defending motor carriers, their drivers and other transportation and logistics operations. This includes not only defending them in active litigation in all state and federal courts in Kentucky and Tennessee but also serving as one of the primary contacts in those states for Wilson Elser's national 24-hour Emergency Response Team. She has been part of the Claims Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance's faculty for its Claims College School of Transportation since 2020.

Tort Defense & Insurance Coverage

Lynsie also is seasoned in the areas of premises liability and product liability and in the defense of other complex personal injury claims, including wrongful death. In addition, she regularly represents insurers regarding coverage disputes and claims of bad faith.

Commercial Litigation

Lynsie's commercial litigation experience includes advising corporations and individuals regarding pre-litigation business disputes in an effort to avoid the expense and risk of the court system. She also regularly litigates claims involving breach of contract, LLC and shareholder disputes, tortious interference with business relations and fraud claims. Lynsie has litigated a number of these complex commercial matters to trial, including one arbitration and one bench trial that both resulted in lucrative awards to the corporate entities she represented.

General Litigation

While Lynsie's civil litigation practice focuses on tort defense and commercial disputes,

Services

- Accountants
- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Employment & Labor
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- National Trial Team
- Transportation

she is routinely brought in on other types of litigation when a trial is imminent. Lysie's vast trial experience includes jury trials involving catastrophic trucking accidents, First Amendment issues (defamation and false light), subrogation claims, premises liability, wrongful use of civil proceedings, claims under Kentucky's Whistleblower Act and workers' compensation retaliation.

Education

- University of Kentucky College of Law (J.D., 2004)
- University of Kentucky (B.A., 2001)

Bar Admissions

- Kentucky
- Tennessee

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Kentucky
- Supreme Court of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee

Professional Affiliations

- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association: completed the LBA Leadership Academy in 2011; member of Public Services Committee

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2023-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® *Women in Law*, 2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Kentucky Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, 2013 - 2022

Languages

- Spanish