

Nora A. Koffman

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Nora Koffman routinely litigates medical malpractice, legal malpractice, general tort defense, and labor and employment matters.

Nora is an attorney licensed in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia and is a member of Baker Donelson's Health Care Litigation Group. Nora routinely defends hospitals, doctors, and nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other caregivers in malpractice litigation. Additionally, Nora litigates legal malpractice, general tort defense, and labor and employment matters and routinely handles appellate matters as well.

Before joining Baker Donelson, Nora maintained a civil litigation practice in Lexington, Kentucky and represented clients throughout central and eastern Kentucky from 2001 to early 2017. She then served as career law clerk for the Honorable Clifton L. Corker in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee. She was nominated as a Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2014 to 2016 and holds an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

Representative Matters

- Obtained a dismissal for a brake component manufacturer in an asbestos claim.
- Achieved a defense verdict for the majority of claims in a multi-week blasting damage trial.
- Won summary judgment in several matters on behalf of insured defendants.
- Successfully negotiated settlements of wage violation claims against various restaurants in central Kentucky.
- Represented a franchisee for two national restaurant franchises in various claims and litigation throughout Kentucky and managed claims and litigation for the franchisee in multiple states in which it operated restaurants.
- Served as counsel in a wage and hour violation case involving more than 1,000 employees in both Kentucky administrative proceedings and trial and appellate courts.
- Defended a company in a lawsuit alleging assault by security guards. Achieved a favorable settlement following mediation.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Washington County Bar Association, Board of Directors
- Clerk to the Honorable Clifton L. Corker, U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee (2017 2019)
- Member Kentucky Bar Association
- Barrister Central Kentucky American Inns of Court (2013 2015)
- AV[®] Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Super Lawyers Rising Star (2014 2016)
- Former Member Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (2014 2017)

Publications

- "New Podcasts For Your Playlist," Baker Women Newsletter (Issue 1, 2024)
- Contributing Author American Health Law Association Year in Review Health Care Liability and Litigation (January 2022)

Speaking Engagements

- "Avoiding the Documentation Doldrums: What Every Business Leader Should Know," 27th Annual Urgent Legal Issues for the Modern Business (April 2025)
- "Assisted Living Litigation: Common Claims, Defenses, Arbitration, and Damages Assessment," Strafford Webinar (September 2023)

Education

- University of Tennessee College of Law, J.D., 2001, cum laude
- University of Kentucky, B.B.A., 1998, magna cum laude

Admissions

- Tennessee, 2020
- Kentucky, 2001
- Georgia, 2023
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2014
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 2023
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 2019
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 2002
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, 2002