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Krista Pezewski is an attorney in HKM's civil litigation group focusing her litigation and trial practice in the areas of product liability, commercial litigation, transportation litigation, insurance law, and appeals.

Krista has represented a wide variety of clients from large corporations, including agricultural, commercial, and home appliance equipment manufacturers, to small businesses and individuals. She has handled a wide variety of claims including wrongful death, catastrophic personal injury claims, warranty disputes, contract claims, claims for lost profit or business income, issues of insurance coverage, and other general litigation matters up to and through trial and any subsequent appeals.

She is licensed to practice in the state and federal courts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and has practiced in a number of other courts and jurisdictions throughout the country.

Krista is a member of the Minnesota and Wisconsin Bar Associations, the Ramsey County Bar Association, the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, Minnesota Women Lawyers and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. She has served as a volunteer attorney for Tubman's Safety Project to secure protective orders on behalf of victims of domestic abuse. Krista also has served as a mentor to law students through a local law school's formal mentoring program.

Krista received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Hamline University School of Law. While in law school, she worked as a judicial extern for the Hon. Donovan J. Frank of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Krista also served eight years with the Minnesota National Guard, which included an overseas deployment to Kuwait.

In her free time, Krista enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and hiking.

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## Practice Areas

- [Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Construction Litigation](#)
- [Insurance Related Litigation](#)
- [Product Liability Defense](#)
- [Transportation Litigation](#)

## Bar Admissions

- State and Federal Court of Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

## Articles

- [A Duty to Design an Accident Proof Product? December 2017](#)
- Window Coverings – Not Simply Décor, *MB Legal News* – October, 2013

## Honors

- Minnesota Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2017 - 2018
- MSBA North Star Lawyer, 2013

## Memberships

- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association (MDLA)
- Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA)
- Wisconsin State Bar Association (WSBA)
- Ramsey County Bar Association (RCBA)
- Minnesota Women Lawyers (MWL)
- St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce (SPACC)

## Representative Cases

- *Wallace, et al. v. Central Mud Racing Association, Inc.*, 2013-CV-499 (Eau Claire Cty., WI 2016): Five Plaintiffs, one claiming damages in excess of \$3 million dollars, sustained injuries when a mud racing vehicle left a mud racing track and entered the area where the Plaintiffs were observing the race. Defense verdict following a two-week trial (less than 2 hours of deliberation). Successfully defended the subsequent appeal.
- *Jon Landstrom v. Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Inc. et al.*, 62-CV-16-3048 (Ramsey Cty., MN 2018): Plaintiff alleged he was sexually abused by an individual who was employed by a local swim club. Plaintiff sued the national organization alleging it was liable for the local swim club coaches and/or agents. Secured summary judgment for the American Athletic Union of the United States, Inc. based on the lack of employment or special relationship and lack of foreseeability.

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- *Kopel/Cook v. Seneca Foods*, 65-CV-14-235 and 65-CV-14-236, (Renville Cty., MN, 2016): Motor vehicle collision with farm equipment owned by defendant resulting in deaths of both front seat passengers, and injuries to two rear seat passengers. Initial demand of nearly \$5 million. Case resolved shortly before trial for fraction of original demand.
- *Hazmat v. Magnum*, 13-CV-15-754 (Chisago Cty., MN 2016): Commercial trucking accident resulting in substantial property damage to client's vehicle. Full value of damages recovered at mediation.
- *Lads Toy Company Inc. v. Gustave A. Larson Company et al.*, 14-359 (Coudington Cty., SD 2015): Alleged malfunction of heating and cooling system installed at opera house. Obtained favorable nuisance value settlement for HVAC wholesaler.
- *James Eiden and Michelle Eiden v. Ames Construction, Inc.*, 19HA-CV-15-798 (Dakota Cty., MN 2015): Plaintiffs alleged construction company's negligence caused injuries resulting from a motorcycle accident within a construction zone. Obtained favorable nuisance value settlement.
- *John Doe 101 and John Doe 102 v. Koda Entertainment, Inc. et al.*, 27-CV-14-17039 (Hennepin Cty., MN 2015): Plaintiffs claimed film production company was negligent and vicariously liable for alleged sexual abuse committed by a person who operated a business providing extras for films and who was alleged to be an employee of the production company. Obtained summary judgment for Koda Entertainment, Inc. based on the lack of employment or special relationship and lack of foreseeability.
- *Pierce Whitetail Farms, Inc. v. American Energy Systems, Inc.* (Washburn Cty., WI 2015): Deer farm alleged prize deer was injured during utility work. Obtained favorable nuisance value settlement.