

# Kathleen K. Watson



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

### **KANE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**April 2013-July 2024**

*Assistant States Attorney, Civil Division*

- Represented Kane County, its employees and elected officials in civil litigation. Successfully presented Motions to Dismiss based on government immunities in State and Federal Court.
- Presented analysis of pending litigation and requested settlement authority from the County Board.
- Reviewed, approved and negotiated contracts on behalf of the County. This included review of construction contracts for capital improvements and negotiating with unions on behalf of the elected officials.
- Vetted Contracts to assure the County Board had authorized execution of the document. Worked with the purchasing department and elected officials regarding procurement protocols.
- Provided closed meeting minutes review and recommended whether closed meeting minutes should be released or remain closed.
- Prepared document production in response to subpoenas and FOIA requests.
- Provided employment related legal advice to the elected officials and their managerial staffs. Participated in Administrative hearings for employment related matters.
- Worked with enforcement of building codes and the Stormwater Ordinance.
- Selected as the 2021 recipient of the "Outstanding Prosecutor" award.

### **LAW OFFICE OF KATHLEEN K. WATSON**

**October 2004 – March 2013**

*Principal attorney of solo practice*

- Civil litigation practice based in Kane County with cases throughout the collar counties. Cases involved personal injury claims, defense of local municipalities and issues of insurance coverage. Experience included multiple jury and bench trials, as well as arbitration hearings.
- Practice also included work for other local attorneys on contract basis and court appearances as local counsel for Cook County law firms. Contract work included the preparation of litigation evaluations, used to provide status reports review of asbestos related claims.
- Also represented clients in real estate transactions, including residential, commercial and investment properties.

**LAW OFFICES OF GEORGE E. KRIPPNER, Geneva, IL**

**1996 - October 2004**

*Associate attorney*

- Civil litigation part-time practice included routine court appearances, legal research and drafting dispositive motions. Real estate practice included commercial and residential closings.

**LAW OFFICES OF CLANCY & KRIPPNER, St. Charles, IL**

**1988 - 1995**

*Associate attorney*

- Practiced civil litigation in the collar counties, cases involved insurance defense, subrogation and personal injury plaintiff's suits.
- Tried multiple bench and jury trials, drafted appellate briefs and argued before the Appellate Court.

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS:**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

**EDUCATION:**

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

Recipient American Jurisprudence Award for Real Property

Member Notre Dame Legal Aid and Defender Society

Internship with Ruddy, Myler, Ruddy & Fabian, Aurora, IL

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Dean's List

**NOTEWORTHY:**

Previously served as an Arbitrator in the Kane County Mandatory Arbitration Program and an Issuing Agent for Chicago Title Insurance Company.