## KELLIE MAZZARELLA

## **AGE** 34

FIRM Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP

## LAW SCHOOL

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

## AREA(S) OF PRACTICE

Defense personal injury, property damage, medical malpractice





Kellie Mazzarella has earned a reputation as a tenacious advocate for her clients. She also possesses a keen legal mind, a strong courtroom presence and an unquestioned work ethic.

This combination has helped Mazzarella become one of the most successful personal injury specialists in the Chicago area.

During the past two years, Mazzarella has earned three defense verdicts for her clients, an exceptional track record.

"She has an incredible work ethic and ability to prepare under any and all circumstances," said Conrad Nowak, an attorney with Corboy & Demetrio. "She does this with grace and humor. Her preparation is unmatched. She will leave no stone unturned and makes sure she has put together the best possible case for her client."

Another of Mazzarella's peers said that this rising attorney is known for her proactive approach to representing her clients. She tackles issues before they become bigger problems. And she strives for creative approaches that will give her clients the best opportunity to win their cases.

Mazzarella has also earned a reputation for defending high-profile cases involving wrongful death, medical malpractice and products liability. Many of the cases she has worked on have even earned headlines in local and national media.

Chad Kasdin, an attorney with Corboy & Demetrio, refers to Mazzarella as a "star in the making."

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"What sets Kellie apart from her peers is her attention to detail, preparedness and ability to think outside the box," Kasdin said. "At trial, Kellie is always the most prepared lawyer in the courtroom, which fuels her burgeoning reputation as a quick thinker and someone judges look to for answers when sticky situations arise at trial."

Kasdin points to Mazzarella's work defending a driver. During the cross-examination of the plaintiff's key damages witness, the plaintiff's attorney lodged several objections. This tactic did not work, as Mazzarella continued her effective examination and ultimately secured the testimony that would lead to a defense result.

Outside the courtroom, Mazzarella is a former Young Lawyer Society Executive Council Member of the Chicago Bar Association. She has also volunteered with Project Law Track mentoring Girl Scouts as they learn about trials and what it takes to be a lawyer.