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OVERVIEW

Natali Thomas is an experienced attorney who joined the Chicago office of Walker Wilcox Matousek LLP in 2018. Currently, she focuses on first party property claims and insurance and reinsurance issues. Natali is passionate and caring, while also being practical and efficient. She understands every case is unique and requires application of the law with a common sense approach to achieve the best outcome for her clients.

In 2014, Natali began her practice with a private firm. In order to gain insurance litigation experience, in 2016, Natali joined Liberty Mutual Insurance as Field Counsel defending consumer and commercial claims. She was part of the special investigations unit and conducted examinations under oath and site inspections to analyze potential fraud or misrepresentation. Natali represented the company in first-party claims involving breach of contract and bad faith. Additionally, she managed a voluminous case load by completing all phases of litigation, including answering pleadings, drafting and arguing dispositive motions, selecting expert witnesses, completing discovery and evidence depositions of witnesses, health providers, and experts, and taking cases to trial or settling for an amount less than the authority provided.

Natali has solo chaired jury trials in the Circuit Court of Cook County's law and municipal divisions. She has secured verdicts in favor of the defense, with findings of no liability.

In 2018, she joined The Hartford and represented the company in subrogation claims. She secured multiple arbitration verdicts in favor of The Hartford in Cook, DuPage, and Kane County, thus providing her an understanding of the plaintiff's side.

During law school, she gained knowledge in other areas of the law, including copyright, secured transactions, and domestic relations. She also volunteered as a business consultant and project manager through the Illinois Business Consulting program organized by the Illinois College of Business. These experiences provide Natali a unique perspective in framing and analyzing legal issues, while providing superior client service.

FOCUS AREAS

- Bad Faith Litigation
- First Party Property
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Litigation

CREDENTIALS

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, N.D. Illinois

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D.
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, B.A.

AFFILIATIONS

- Illinois State Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division, Co-Chair of New Lawyers Committee and Law Student Committee

NEWS

- Walker Wilcox's Natali Marquez-Ponce Interviewed by the News-Gazette