

Keith A. Bruett

Partner / Milwaukee Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice Group Office Chair

Keith Bruett litigates commercial and business cases, with an emphasis on professional liability, policyholder insurance, and trust matters. As a trusted advisor to his clients, Keith collaborates closely with them to understand their goals in order to resolve matters efficiently. While Keith chairs the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group in the firm's Milwaukee office, he has litigated cases throughout the country. Recent experience includes

- Secured a complete defense jury verdict in a \$15 million actuarial malpractice lawsuit.
- Represented beneficiaries in resolving a \$500 million estate dispute.
- Plaintiff's jury verdict awarding title in a land dispute.
- Defense jury verdict in a \$25 million insurance broker malpractice lawsuit.
- Defense arbitration decision in a \$10 million dollar insurance broker malpractice case.
- Represented the insured in *Plastics Engineering Co. v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.*, 2009 WI 13, in which the Wisconsin Supreme Court adopted "all sums" allocation.
- Represented the insured in *Johnson Controls, Inc. v. Employers Insurance of Wausau*, in which the Wisconsin Supreme Court overruled its 1994 *City of Edgerton v. General Casualty* environmental insurance coverage decision.



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Legal Services

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Education and Honors

- University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business (Certificate of Executive Management, 2013)
- Marquette University Law School (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1998)
 - Marquette Law Review (Lead Articles Editor, 1997–1998)
- University of Minnesota (B.A., 1994)

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit

Professional and Civic Activities

- State Bar of Wisconsin (Member)
- Milwaukee Bar Association (Member)
- American Bar Association (Member)
- Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association (Member)
- Quarles & Brady Diversity Committee (Representative)
- Quarles & Brady Law School Recruiting Committee (Past Chair)
- Quarles & Brady's Professional Liability Litigation Practice (Past Chair)
- ABA's Professional Liability Litigation Committee (Member of leadership team)
- Quarles & Brady's Insurance Recovery Practice (Past Chair)
- Insurance Committee of the Professional Liability Defense Federation (Past Chair)

Professional Recognition

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2013–present: Commercial Litigation)
- Selected for inclusion in Wisconsin Super Lawyers®—Rising Stars Editions 2007–2011 (Insurance Coverage; Professional Liability: Defense)
- Listed in *Chambers USA*® (2020: Litigation: General Commercial)