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### **KLARA A. ZIERK**

Curriculum Vitae

#### EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

Ms. Zierk is an associate attorney at the law firm of Rutledge, Manion, Rabaut, Terry & Thomas, P.C., located in Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Zierk specializes in the representation of defendants in professional liability actions, premises liability actions, and general liability actions, with a focus on the representation of healthcare providers, insurance companies, and business entities.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Zierk was a law clerk at both the Indiana Office of the Attorney General in the Medical License Section and the Office of Panel Chair | Medical Review Panels, where she worked investigating healthcare professionals' licenses and submitting evidence of medical malpractice for expert review in accordance with the Indiana Malpractice Act.

#### EDUCATION

- Indiana University, Robert H. McKinney School of Law  
Juris Doctor and a Graduate Certificate in Health Law  
May 2019
- Indiana University, Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health  
Master of Public Health  
May 2019
- Butler University  
Bachelor of Arts  
May 2015
- Northwood School  
High School Diploma  
May 2011

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In her professional experience, Ms. Zierk has had the privilege to work on each side of the legal process. Ms. Zierk gained valuable research, litigation, and investigatory skills while working as a law clerk investigating consumer complaints filed against licensed healthcare professionals over issues ranging from drug diversion to standard of care questions. While a law clerk for a panel chairman in Indiana, Ms. Zierk was able to assist in the neutral medical review process unique to the Indiana Malpractice Act.

As an attorney, Ms. Zierk is constantly refining her advocacy and research skills in order to offer her clients the highest quality of representation.

#### LICENSURE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Ms. Zierk is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and is licensed to practice in all courts in the State of Michigan. Ms. Zierk is also admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Ms. Zierk is a member of the Association of Defense Trial Counsel and Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

- Author of *The Real Antidote: A Critical Review of U.S. and Canadian Drug Treatment Courts and a Call for Public Health Prevention Tools as a Solution to the Opioid Epidemic*, 29 INDIANA INT'L AND COMPARATIVE L.REV. 185 (2019)

#### PRESENTATIONS

- *Examining Occupational Hazards in the Healthcare Setting: Applying the Hierarchy of Controls to Drug Diversion and Prescription Opioid Abuse in the Healthcare Setting*, April 2019

#### VOLUNTEER/ ACTIVITIES

- 2018-2019 Executive Managing Editor & Executive Notes Development Editor  
Indiana International & Comparative Law Review
- 2018-2018 Student Advocate  
Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Disability Clinic
- 2017-2018 Social Co-Chair  
Phi Delta Phi, Wilkie Inn
- 2016-2017 Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition  
Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law