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KEELY E. DUKE, TRIAL COUNSEL

OVERVIEW

Keely Duke is one of Idaho's premier trial attorneys. Over her 27+ years of practice, she has handled complex business litigation, catastrophic loss cases, product liability and medical device defense, and employment defense, as well as litigation involving medical, legal, E&O, D&O, construction, and trucking matters. She also represents insurers as coverage and monitoring counsel on large loss claims.

Keely is an excellent trial attorney, having tried dozens of multi-week trials to successful verdicts throughout Idaho and in federal court. She is also a skilled appellate attorney, handling numerous appeals before the Idaho Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She has also handled many arbitrations and has served as an arbitrator on a wrongful death case.

Keely has been “AV” Preeminent” peer-review rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 2008, has been recognized for years in Best Lawyers in America (including multiple Lawyer of the Year awards), and has received numerous other recognitions and honors for her accomplishments. She has been included in Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business and has been recognized by Super Lawyers for over a decade, is a Top 100 Mountain West Super Lawyer, and a Top 50 Mountain West Women Super Lawyer.

A long-time client lauded Keely for her "sheer hard work, great organization, diligence, and determination to fight tooth and nail for her clients" in Chambers U.S.A. America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHPS/ACTIVITIES

- Idaho Judicial Council (2023 – present)
- USLAW Secretary/Treasurer (2026 – 2027)
- USLAW Executive Committee (2023 – present)
- USLAW Board of Directors (2021 – present)
- President Federal Bar Association – Idaho Chapter (2011 – 2015)
- President Federal Defender Services of Idaho (2018)
- President Idaho Association of Defense Counsel (2017)
- President – Health Section – Idaho State Bar (2021)
- Federal Defender Services of Idaho Board of Directors (2008 – 2019)
- Federal Bar Association Board of Directors – Idaho Chapter (2009 – 2015)
- Idaho Association of Defense Counsel Board of Directors (2011 – 2017)
- Idaho Supreme Court Civil Rules Advisory Committee (2009 – 2022)
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
- The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Litigation Counsel of America (LCA)
- Member, Trial Law Institute
- Member, Diversity Law Institute
- Instructor at Federal Court Trial Skills program (2009, 2011, 2015, 2023)
- Instructor at University of Idaho School of Law’s Trial Advocacy Program (2010, 2012, 2014)
- Adjunct Professor at Boise State University in Business Law (2001 to 2004)

AWARDS

- USLAW Champions Award (2026)
- Leader in Law by the Idaho Business Review (2023)
- Woman of the Year Honoree Idaho Business Review (2013)
- Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award (2011)
- Women's & Children's Alliance Tribute to Women in Industry Honoree (2008)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Health Law, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants (2009 -HHNR5D present)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year Boise - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2015, 2019, 2023, 2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year Boise - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2017, 2020, 2027)
- Super Lawyers *10+ Years* (2012 – present)
- Top 100 Attorneys in the Mountain States by Super Lawyers (2014 - present)
- Top 50 Women Attorneys in the Mountain States by Super Lawyers (2014 - present)
- **AV** rated in Martindale-Hubbell since 2008 judicial and attorney editions
- Chambers USA – Leading lawyer in commercial litigation (2009 - present)
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Mountain States Super Lawyers "Rising Star" (2008 - present)
- Benchmark Litigation Labor & Employment Star (2020; 3rd Edition)

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- President of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho (2004 to 2012)
- Board of Directors for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho (2004 to 2012)
- Board of Directors, Boys and Girls Club of Idaho (2019 to 2024)

PUBLICATIONS

- Christian Slater Makes Everything More Interesting: Cyberhackers in the Age of Telehealth, The Advocate, March 2020
- 50-State Survey on Legal Malpractice (Idaho), American Bar Association (2009 to present)
- Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Limitations on a Health Care Provider's Right to Indemnification When it is Targeted Under the False Claims Act as a Result of the Fraudulent Activities of a Third Party with Which it Contracts or Associates, The Federal Lawyer, February 2009
- FMLA Changes Now In Effect, Idaho Employment Law Letter, February 2009

EDUCATION

- Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon, J.D.
- Carroll College in Helena, Montana, (Business Administration and Political Science)

COURT AND BAR ADMISSIONS

- All Idaho courts, Federal and State
- All Oregon courts, Federal and State
- S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- Idaho State Bar Association (1999 – present)

MISCELLANEOUS

- In her spare time, Keely enjoys spending time with her wife, Sarah, hiking, traveling, golfing, and cheering on the Boise State Broncos and Green Bay Packers football teams. She has three recent college graduates and a junior in college – Go Broncos!