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Summary

Mr. Rajsic joined Harvey Kruse in 2020 as an associate attorney in the Grand Rapids office. He focuses his practice on first and third-party automobile liability, premises liability, workers' compensation defense, general negligence, and appellate practice.

Before joining Harvey Kruse, Mr. Rajsic devoted his practice to defending Michigan school districts and their employees from a wide range of claims, including Title IX, Title VII, Michigan's Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act, First Amendment, Section 1983, third-party automobile negligence, disability discrimination, and business tort claims. Naturally, many of these cases were substantially intertwined with governmental and qualified immunity defenses.

Mr. Rajsic obtained his J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Grand Rapids. While in law school, he was a Managing Associate Editor of the law review and was actively involved in moot court, participating in the Pace Law School National Environmental Moot Court Competition in New York. In his final term on law review, Mr. Rajsic was presented with the Eugene Krasicky Award for significant contributions to the law review. He also served as the treasurer of the Student Bar Association.

In his free time, you will likely find Mr. Rajsic on the golf course. When he is not golfing, he and his wife enjoy taking in all of the sights offered by our great state.

Education:

Purdue University
B.A., 2011

Thomas M. Cooley Law School
J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2014

State of Michigan (2014)

Bar Admissions:

United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
(2015)

United State District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
(2016)

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2019)

Employment: Associate Attorney, Harvey Kruse, P.C. (2020 – present)
Associate Attorney, Kluczynski, Girtz & Vogelzang, (2016-2020)
Of Counsel, Bruce Alan Block, P.C., (2014-2016)

Experience: Extern, Judge Janet T. Neff, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan (2013)
Extern, Magistrate Judge Ellen S. Carmody, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan (2013)

Areas of Practice: Insurance Defense
Third-Party Automobile Liability
First-Party No-Fault Automobile Liability
Premises Liability
Workers' Compensation Defense
Employment Law Defense
General Liability
Trial Practice
Appellate Practice

Honors & Awards: Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2021
National Moot Court Team Member, Pace Law School National Environmental Moot Court Competition (2014)
Managing Associate Editor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School Law Review
Eugene Krasicky Award for Significant Contributions to the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Law Review

Representative Matters: *Michigan Department of Transportation v National General Insurance Company*, Ingham County District Court (2020) – Mr. Rajsic obtained summary disposition on a pre-answer motion arguing plaintiff failed to state a claim. Plaintiff sought property loss benefits under the no-fault act but named the wrong insurance company. By the time service was obtained, the statute of limitations had expired. Mr. Rajsic successfully argued that National General did not underwrite the policy in question and that, because of the expiration of the statute of limitations, plaintiff should be precluded from amending its complaint to add the proper carrier.
Jewett v. Mesick Consolidated School District, ____ Mich. App.

_____ (2020) – Mr. Rajsic obtained a published opinion affirming the trial court’s grant of summary disposition in favor of defendant on this claim of disability discrimination. The court of appeals recognized that the employer had legitimate, non-discriminatory reasons to discipline plaintiff and there was no evidence that the employer’s actions were pretext for disability-based discrimination.

Sebald v. Belding Area Schools, Ionia County Circuit Court (2020) – Mr. Rajsic obtained summary disposition in favor of defendant regarding plaintiff’s claim that the school district failed to properly evaluate him under the Revised School Code resulting in an improper layoff. The trial court concluded that plaintiff was properly evaluated and that, even if he was not, he was not entitled to a recall.

West Michigan Band Instruments, LLC v Coopersville Public Schools, 761 Fed.Appx. 497 (6th Cir. 2019) – Mr. Rajsic assisted in obtaining an opinion from the Sixth Circuit affirming the trial court’s grant of summary disposition on a pre-answer motion asserting plaintiff failed to state First Amendment claim. The Sixth Circuit held that WMBI could not establish that it had a “viewpoint” against which the school district could discriminate. Additionally, the Sixth Circuit concluded that given the nature of the venue as a limited public forum, the school district’s decision to limit participants was reasonable in light of the purpose of the forum.

Carman v Carson City-Crystal Area Schools, Montcalm County Circuit Court (2017) – Mr. Rajsic obtained summary disposition in favor of defendant on plaintiff’s claim under the Whistleblower Protection Act. The trial court concluded that plaintiff had not reported a violation of law, which precluded her whistleblower claim as a matter of law.