

Influential Women Spotlights Kristin M. Gummoe, Esq., MBA: Senior Litigation Associate At Hoagland, Longo, Moran LLP

HAMMONTON AND NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Combining Litigation Experience, Strategic Business Insight, and a Commitment to Mentorship, Community Service, and Client Advocacy

Kristin M. Gummoe, Esq., MBA, is a highly accomplished litigation attorney and Senior Litigation Associate at Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas LLP, where she has built her legal career since joining the firm in September 2019. Based in Williamstown, Kristin focuses primarily on general liability defense while also handling matters involving

environmental law and real estate transactions. Since graduating from Rutgers Law School in 2018, she has developed a reputation for strong litigation strategy, attention to detail, and an unwavering commitment to achieving favorable outcomes for her clients.



Kristin's practice encompasses the full lifecycle of litigation, from case development and discovery through settlement negotiations and jury trials. She brings a practical and solutions-oriented approach to each matter, combining legal knowledge with an understanding of the broader considerations affecting her clients.

Before joining Hoagland Longo, Kristin served as a law clerk for the then Presiding Judge of General Equity for Vicinage 1, now Acting Administrative Director of the Courts, Michael J. Blee, J.A.D., covering Atlantic and Cape May counties in New Jersey. The position provided her with valuable exposure to the judicial process, as she conducted extensive legal research, drafted judicial opinions, and assisted with bench trials. The experience gave Kristin an early understanding of litigation from the judicial perspective and helped establish a strong

foundation for her legal career.

In addition to her law degree, Kristin earned her Master of Business Administration from Rutgers School of Business–Camden. Her combination of legal and business education allows her to approach complex matters with an appreciation for both legal strategy and practical business considerations. She is admitted to practice in New Jersey and the Federal District Court of New Jersey.

Building a Career Through Advocacy and Mentorship

As a Senior Litigation Associate, Kristin's responsibilities extend beyond representing clients. She also plays an active leadership and mentorship role within the firm, guiding junior attorneys and overseeing the firm's summer associate program.

Mentorship has played a significant role in Kristin's own professional development, making her particularly passionate about giving that same support to others. She enjoys answering questions, sharing her experiences, and helping younger attorneys navigate the demands and challenges of litigation practice.

Kristin attributes much of her success to the mentors who have helped shape her career. Judge Michael Blee was a particularly important influence, and Kristin describes him as a phenomenal individual who taught her an incredible amount. Her managing partner, Chad Moore, along with Julie Alicino, Mike Kearns, Malcolm McPherson, and the broader team at Hoagland Longo, have also played significant roles in helping her become the attorney she is today.

Because mentorship has been so meaningful in her own journey, Kristin believes strongly in paying it forward. Whether through colleagues at her firm or individuals she encounters through professional organizations and community involvement, she strives to provide guidance and support whenever she can.

A Client-Centered Approach to Litigation

For Kristin, one of the most rewarding aspects of practicing law is helping clients through what can be one of the most stressful experiences of their lives. Litigation can be complicated and uncertain, and she takes pride in serving as a trusted advocate and steady guide throughout the judicial process.

Her approach is also informed by her belief that being an effective advocate does not require unnecessary hostility. Kristin recognizes that litigation is inherently adversarial, but she does not believe attorneys need to make each other's lives more difficult simply because they represent opposing sides.

She strives to view opposing counsel as colleagues and works cooperatively whenever doing so does not negatively impact her client. In her view, professionalism, empathy, and understanding can coexist with strong advocacy.

Kristin also recognizes that the New Jersey legal community is relatively close-knit, making professional reputation especially important. She therefore places a high value on being sympathetic, understanding, and honest in her interactions with clients, colleagues, opposing counsel, and members of the judiciary.

Recognition for Professional Excellence

Kristin's accomplishments and leadership have earned recognition beyond her firm. In 2025, she was honored as one of NJBIZ's "Forty Under 40," a statewide recognition highlighting 40 emerging leaders who demonstrate professional excellence, significant career accomplishments, and meaningful community impact.

She is actively involved with the Atlantic County Bar Association, New Jersey Defense Association, and Hammonton Chamber of Commerce. Her commitment to developing future legal professionals also extends to the high school level. For four years, Kristin served as an attorney coach for a local high school competing in the New Jersey State Bar Mock Trial Competition.

Through these activities, she continues to contribute to the legal profession while encouraging young people to explore advocacy, critical thinking, and the law.

Leadership Beyond the Courtroom

Kristin's leadership extends into municipal service as well. Since 2021, she has served on the Folsom, New Jersey Planning & Zoning Board and became the first female Chairwoman in 2024.

In this role, Kristin presides over public meetings, leads Board deliberations, reviews and signs resolutions, and works with municipal professionals to evaluate development applications. She also helps ensure that proceedings and decisions comply with applicable land-use laws and procedures.

Her work on the Planning & Zoning Board provides another avenue through which Kristin can apply her legal knowledge to issues directly affecting the community. The role requires careful consideration of development proposals, regulations, procedures, and competing interests, further demonstrating her ability to approach complex matters with professionalism and thoughtful analysis.

Staying True to Who She Is

Kristin attributes her success to three core values: honesty, empathy, and compassion. These principles influence how she approaches her clients, colleagues, opposing counsel, and community responsibilities.

The best career advice Kristin has received is to never diminish who she is. As a first-generation attorney, she has received plenty of advice throughout her journey, but this principle has remained the most important.

For Kristin, success is not simply defined by winning or losing a case. It is also about being able to look at herself at the end of the day and know that she did her best while remaining true to herself.

That philosophy has shaped the way she practices law. Kristin believes that attorneys can advocate strongly for their clients without abandoning empathy or professionalism. She understands the importance of protecting a client's interests while still treating everyone involved in the legal process with dignity and respect.

Encouraging the Next Generation of Women in Law

Kristin's advice to young women considering a career in law is straightforward: just do it.

She acknowledges that law school and the bar exam are challenging, but she also believes the work itself can be incredibly rewarding. While the legal profession remains male-dominated in many areas, Kristin sees the continued growth of female representation as both encouraging and important.

Her own career demonstrates the value of persistence, mentorship, and authenticity. She encourages women entering the profession to recognize that they belong in the field and to pursue the opportunities available to them without diminishing who they are.

Ultimately, Kristin's career reflects a balance of professional ambition and service. Through litigation, mentorship, community leadership, and legal education, she continues to make an impact both inside and outside the courtroom.

At the center of that work are the values that have guided her from the beginning: honesty, empathy, and compassion. Kristin believes that the legal profession may be adversarial by nature, but there is always room for humanity. By remaining true to herself, supporting those coming behind her, and advocating fiercely for her clients while treating others with respect, she continues to build a career defined not only by legal achievement, but by character and meaningful leadership.

Outside the office, Kristin enjoys spending time with her family, maintaining the personal connections that provide balance alongside her demanding professional and community commitments.

Learn More about Kristin Gummoe:

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