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### **Kirsten Kaiser Kus and Michael Milstein Named Capital Members of Bryce Downey & Lenkov**

CHICAGO, IL – Bryce Downey & Lenkov LLC has elected [Kirsten Kaiser Kus](#) and [Michael Milstein](#) as Capital Members of the firm. They are joining Jeanne Hoffmann, Storrs Downey and Rich Lenkov, who have proudly led the firm together for over 20 years.



Kirsten Kaiser Kus joined the firm in 2014, becoming an Income Member in 2017.

Kirsten concentrates her practice in workers' compensation and general liability defense, representing a wide variety of employers and corporations across Indiana. She is especially noted for her leadership, due diligence and exceeding her clients' expectations.

Kirsten frequently lends her expertise and lectures on unique claim handling techniques for the Workers' Compensation Defense Institute and Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, among other leading organizations. Her recent accomplishments include winning Claims and Litigation Management Alliance's Professional of the Year Award in the Outside Defense Counsel category in 2021 and being recognized by her peers in the 28th Edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for the third consecutive year, ranked among the top 5% of private practice attorneys nationwide. Kirsten has also been selected to Indiana Super Lawyers Rising Star list for the past five years, which recognizes no more than 2.5% of Indiana lawyers.

"I am grateful for every opportunity Bryce Downey & Lenkov has given me to achieve this level of equity firm ownership in my career. My focus has always been providing tenacious representation of my clients and the best interests of all in the firm. My goal is to continue to mentor, encourage and provide the tools and support to our firm members to thrive and be fulfilled in their career at this firm, as was done for me when I started seven years ago. I will ensure continued firm growth and maintain our high standards of being a premier resource for our clients."



Michael Milstein joined the firm in 2011, becoming Income Member in 2017.

Michael concentrates his practice in workers' compensation defense, seamlessly guiding clients through all phases of complex litigation matters from inception to trial. He partners closely with many small businesses and Fortune 500 companies, successfully handling a full array of cases, including minor injuries, toxic torts and catastrophic claims.

He has been a valuable resource, actively providing clients Illinois legislative update alerts throughout the pandemic. Michael has also presented numerous times for The Risk Management Society, WorkCompCentral and the Illinois State Bar Association. Michael has been selected to both the Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars and Leading Lawyers Emerging Lawyers lists for the last eight years, recognizing no more than 2.5% of Illinois lawyers.

"I am thrilled to join Bryce Downey & Lenkov in this new capacity. I have been with the firm for over a decade, and it is easy to come to work when you love what you do and the people you do it with. I can't wait to assist with the continued growth of our firm into the next decade, committing to achieving the best results for our clients and maintaining the best quality of life for the people who work here."

Both Kirsten and Michael have played an integral part in growing the firm and have exemplified the highest standards of professionalism, dedication, quality work and integrity.

*[Bryce Downey & Lenkov LLC](#) is a full-service law firm of experienced business counselors and accomplished trial lawyers. With offices in Chicago and Schererville, IN and attorneys licensed in multiple states, the firm serves clients' needs with a regional concentration while maintaining a national practice. The firm provides counseling and representation in appellate law, business, condominium law, construction, entertainment, general liability, healthcare, insurance, intellectual property, labor & employment, products liability, professional liability, real estate, transportation and workers' compensation.*

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