



LAURA L. RUHL, ESQ.

Vehicle Litigation Specialist

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Ruhl Forensic, Inc., December 2002 - Present, on project basis since 1990

Vehicle Litigation Specialist. Perform legal analysis and litigation assistance in vehicular accident cases with emphasis on commercial vehicles regulated under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act (FMCSA); case research, depositions, motions *in limine* and brief assistance, with emphasis on expert admissibility.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Nolan Law Group, formerly **Law Offices of Donald J. Nolan**, Chicago, IL, 1996 – December 2002

Joined firm in 1998 as an associate attorney concentrating practice in transportation and aviation law. Primary focus in firm was to handle cases through all pleading and discovery matters. Assisted in writing various publications, speeches and presentations for the firm and firm members. Research assistant while in law school, 1996 -1998.

University of Illinois, Professor Clyde W. Forrest, Urbana, IL Fall 1993–Spring 1994

Student Research Assistant, completed paper entitled *Intergovernmental Communication – Validity of Contracts in Illinois Case Law*, presented to the Northeastern Planning Commission in Illinois, research identifying repeat problems with intergovernmental cooperative agreements and their validity under the Illinois Constitution.

EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Juris Doctorate, 1997

Honors and Activities:

Academic Achievement Award, Highest Grade in Legal Writing I, Fall 1994
Environmental Law Society, International Law Society, Women in Law

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, classes taught at London, England in conjunction with the London School of Economics (LSE), June – August 1995

Received 6 academic credits from course concentration in International Business Law, Comparative Constitutional Law and International Criminal Law. Continued study of societal and governmental interdependencies with extensive travels throughout 1995 in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece, Spain, Israel and Egypt.

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University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, Bachelor of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning, May 1994

Honors and Activities:

Dean's List: Spring 1993, Fall 1993, Spring 1994

Student Researcher for Professor Clyde W. Forrest, Fall 1993 – Spring 1994

Member of Illini Dance Team, Fall 1990 – Spring 1993

Secretary 1990 – 1991, Treasurer 1991-1992, Co-Captain 1992-1993

Participated in National Dance Team Competitions, placing 2nd nationally (1991 and 1992); these championships featured on nationally televised ESPN.

Member of Student Planning Organization, Pre-Law Society, University of Illinois Young Alumni and Delta Gamma Sorority

ADMITTED

Illinois State Bar – 1998

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois – 1998

State Bar of Arizona - 2010

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Appointed to the Advisory Board of the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, 2010

SPECIAL TRAINING

Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) since 1998 - 2006

Skip Barber Racing School for High Performance Driving,
3 day racing course at Laguna Seca Raceway, June 1998

PUBLICATIONS

Ruhl, Laura L. and Mary K. Dooley-Owen, editors, *Truck Accident Litigation, Third Edition*, American Bar Association, 2012.

Strauss, Mark G., James V. Carnahan, and Laura L. Ruhl, *How Reliable Is Testimony on Distance Estimation?*, published in *Truck Accident Litigation, Third Edition*, American Bar Association, 2012.

Strauss, Mark G., James V. Carnahan, and Laura L. Ruhl, *The Reliability of Testimony in Distance Estimation*. American Association for Justice Convention, Chicago, IL, July 30, 2012.

Genson, Laura Ruhl and Kerezman, Anita M., editors, *Truck Accident Litigation, Second Edition*, American Bar Association, 2006.

Genson, Laura Ruhl, Ruhl, Roland A. and Ruhl, Roland L., *The Misuse of Technology: An Expert Opinion*, published in the *Trial Journal* of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (Winter 2007 edition, Volume 9, Number 1).

Carnahan, James V., Ruhl, Roland L., Strauss, Mark G., and Genson, Laura R., *Analysis Of A Common Cause Hypothesis In A Forensic Product Defect Analysis*, IMECE2004-59566,

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Proceedings of the 2004 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and RD&D Expo, Anaheim, CA, November 13-19, 2004.

Nolan, Donald J. and Ruhl, Laura L., *Pre-Impact Terror*, in 35th Annual Southern Methodist University, School of Law Air Law Symposium Conference Materials, 2001.

Ghost co-wrote with Donald J. Nolan, *The Entanglement of Media and Litigation: How to Successfully Navigate Under the Model Rules*, in *Civil Trial Practice: Winning Techniques of Successful Trial Attorneys*, 51 – 58 (2000).

PRESENTATIONS

Strauss, Mark G., James V. Carnahan, and Laura L. Ruhl, *The Reliability of Testimony in Distance Estimation*, 2012 American Association for Justice Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, July 30, 2012.

Genson, Laura Ruhl, moderator, *Trying the Trucking Case*, 2006 Association of Trial Lawyers America's Annual Convention, Trucking Litigation Group Educational Session, Seattle, WA, July 15, 2006.

Carnahan, James V., Ruhl, Roland L., Strauss, Mark G., and Genson, Laura R., *Analysis Of A Common Cause Hypothesis In A Forensic Product Defect Analysis*, IMECE2004-59566, 2004 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and RD&D Expo, Anaheim, CA, November 16, 2004.

Nolan, Donald J. and Ruhl, Laura L., *Pre-Impact Terror*, presented at the 35th Annual Southern Methodist University, School of Law Air Law Symposium, February 22-23, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
Arizona State Bar Association
Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America
Illinois State Bar Association
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association