



**LAURA L. RUHL, ESQ.**

***Vehicle Litigation Specialist***

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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **HONORS AND ACTIVITIES**

Appointed to the Association of Trial Lawyers of America's Political Action Committee (ATLA-PAC)  
Member of Association of Trial Lawyers of America's Interstate Trucking Litigation Group

### **SPECIAL TRAINING**

Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) since 1998  
Skip Barber Racing School for High Performance Driving,  
3 day racing course at Laguna Seca Raceway, June 1998

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Genson, Laura Ruhl and Kerezman, Anita M., editors, *Truck Accident Litigation*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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**

Genson, Laura Ruhl, moderator, *Trying the Trucking Case*, 2006 Association of Trial Lawyers America's Annual Convention, Trucking Litigation Group Educational Session, Saturday, 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 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Methodist University, School of Law Air Law Symposium, February 22-23, 2001.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Illinois State Bar Association  
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association  
Association of Trial Lawyers of America  
American Bar Association