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Kathryn M. Warren practices primarily in the areas of governmental and public institutions law. In her practice, Ms. Warren works directly with elected and appointed officials throughout the Metro East on all legal matters affecting municipalities. Her work includes drafting and implementing public policy and ordinances, facilitating economic development, advising on matters of contracts and the use of public monies, prosecuting ordinance violations, and compliance with FOIA and the Open Meetings Act.

Prior to joining Lashly & Baer, P.C., Ms. Warren served for fifteen years as a prosecutor at the Madison County State's Attorney's Office. As Chief of the Criminal Division, she supervised all of Madison County's criminal prosecutions, overseeing the assignment and management of all felony and misdemeanor cases filed by the office. In addition to her supervisory duties, she personally handled hundreds of high-level felony cases, including those involving homicide, offenses targeted against police officers, traffic fatalities, drug trafficking, and complex white-collar crime. Ms. Warren has extensive trial experience and a track record of success obtaining guilty verdicts on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois in high-profile and high-stakes cases.

Utilizing her extensive courtroom experience, Ms. Warren regularly provides guidance in all stages of litigation to other practice groups within the firm, in addition to her governmental law practice.

Ms. Warren is a former Vice President and current member of the Madison County Bar Association, the Tri-City Bar Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Illinois Bar Association. She has served as a member of ISBA's Section on Criminal Justice Section and as a member its Corrections and Sentencing Committee. Ms. Warren has presented continuing legal education programs for prosecutors and judges on a variety of topics. She also played a key role in the training of police departments throughout the Metro East on compliance with the 2021 SAFE-T Act legislation, which represented a significant overhaul of the Illinois criminal justice system. Additionally, she regularly volunteers at the Illinois Bar Association's annual High School Mock Trial Competition in Springfield, Illinois, judging and providing valuable feedback to participants.

Ms. Warren is admitted to practice in Illinois and Missouri. She has successfully represented clients at the trial and appellate court levels throughout Missouri and Illinois. In addition to courtroom success, she has secured favorable outcomes for clients at administrative hearings before various local and state administrative agencies, including liquor commissions, police and fire pension boards, and property tax appeal boards. Additionally, Ms. Warren is a Certified Hearing Officer in the State of Illinois.

Primary Practice Areas

- Municipal Law

Bar Admissions

- Supreme Court of Missouri
- Supreme Court of Illinois

Education & Academic Honors

- J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, Illinois, 2008
Distinction of Honors in Introduction to Advocacy
- B.A., Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, Political Science, minor in Spanish, 2004

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- The Illinois Bar
- Missouri Municipal League
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Employment History

- Lashly & Baer, P.C.
Attorney At Law, 2025 - Present
- Lewis Brisbois
Partner, 2024 - 2025
- Madison County State's Attorney's Office
Chief of the Criminal Division, 2009 - 2024