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Kristian M. Cross is an Irmo, South Carolina native. She graduated cum laude with departmental honors from Clemson University in 2004. She earned her *Juris Doctor* Degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2007.

Kristian practices in the areas of workers' compensation and employment law. She manages and defends cases through all stages of the workers' compensation process, from the initial determination of compensability through settlement. Additionally, Kristian litigates cases at the hearing level and at various stages of appeal, including appeals to the South Carolina Supreme Court. She regularly teaches seminars and educational courses to the South Carolina Bar, insurance companies, third party administrators, and self-insured companies on risk management, workers' compensation laws, regulations and practices, as well as, state and federal laws related to employment law.

Kristian currently serves the community through her membership in the Columbia (SC) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, which is a not-for-profit service oriented organization of women linked in service and friendship to promote and engage in educational, civic and intercultural activities in order to enrich the lives of members and the larger community. She has also served the South Carolina Bar and the State for four years as a member of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission, which is the panel responsible for evaluating the qualifications and fitness of candidates for all judicial positions on the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, and other state courts that are filled by election of the South Carolina General Assembly.

When not practicing law, Kristian enjoys spending time with her dog Ladybelle, dancing, working out and cheering on the Clemson Tigers.