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Katharine Jilka is an Associate at the St. Louis office of Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, where she contributes her many years of diverse expertise in psychology and in Health Law. Prior to joining Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, Kate regularly represented clients in litigation involving personal injury, medical malpractice, automobile negligence, products liability, and premises liability. Her extensive experience in legal research further makes her a valuable member of the Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP team of associates. Kate also served as a law clerk for a number of years, including advising the Honorable Sherri Sullivan in the Missouri Court of Appeals. As an alumna of the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, Kate's previous involvement with non-profit organizations makes her a talented, effective litigator amongst her peers today.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (2002-2003)

### PRACTICE AREAS

Toxic Tort and  
Environmental Litigation  
Product Liability  
Transportation  
General Negligence

### EDUCATION

- J.D., Saint Louis University  
School of Law (2007)
- Lead Editor, *Journal of Health Law*
  - Certificate in Health Law
  - Academic Excellence Award for Contracts I
  - Dean's Select Scholarship
- B.A., *cum laude*,  
Psychology, Trinity  
University (2002)
- *Phi Beta Kappa* National Honor Society
  - *Alpha Lambda Delta* National Honor Society
  - *Psi Chi* International Honor Society in Psychology
  - President's Scholarship

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Missouri  
Illinois

### COURTS

U.S. District Court (Eastern  
District of Missouri)