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**Practice Focus**

- Business counseling
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Public law
- Erosion Control and Special Improvement Districts

Kelsey M. Smith is an associate in the Business Department at McDonald Hopkins, where she focuses her practice on business counseling, public law, public finance, and mergers and acquisitions. Kelsey’s experience includes assisting clients through various types of transactions including mergers and acquisitions, contract drafting and negotiation, general corporate counseling, public finance including representing governmental entities in the issuance of bonds for public finance development projects, and preparing ethical opinions for governmental entities. In addition, she also provides research and insight on current state and federal legislation as well as current events relevant to McDonald Hopkins clients.

Kelsey earned her J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and she received her B.S. in Homeland Security and Terrorism Studies, *magna cum laude*, from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

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**Admissions - State**

- Ohio

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**Education**

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

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**Alerts**

- States begin to mandate facial coverings in effort to combat COVID-19
- HEROES Act: House of Representatives pass the largest economic stimulus bill in history
- Confusion remains as state attorneys general order businesses to shutdown
- Ohio to extend stay-at-home order until May 1

- CARES Act: An early analysis of the historic Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act
- Ohio non-essential businesses forced to close through April 6
- Confronting the impossibility of performing under a contract: Using a force majeure provision in response to the coronavirus outbreak

### Blog Posts

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- Stay at Home Tonight Order and House Bill 404 aimed at combating virus
- House of Representatives passes bipartisan bill to fund government until early December
- Problem Solvers Caucus hopes to bring Democrats and Republicans back to the negotiation table with its “March to Common Ground” COVID stimulus framework
- Ohio Department of Health releases adult daycare and senior center reopening guidelines
- Newest Senate COVID-19 stimulus package joins the growing list of failed legislation attempts
- CISA provides updated guidance for essential businesses and workers
- House of Representatives passes emergency USPS legislation
- Congress recesses without reaching COVID-19 relief agreement
- President Trump bypasses Congress and introduces four new executive actions to address COVID-19
- Senate Republicans introduce a new stimulus package: The HEALS Act
- Moving Forward Act passes through the House of Representatives but faces uncertain future
- Digesting the Moving Forward Act's expansive public finance provisions
- House of Representatives Democrats push for complete overhaul of America's infrastructure in new Moving Forward Act
- House of Representatives and Senate create more flexibility for Paycheck Protection Program
- House of Representatives hopes to create more flexibility for Paycheck Protection Program
- Ohio Department of Health modifies the Stay Safe Ohio Order: What actually changed?
- Ohio businesses move towards a slow and restricted reopening
- Ohio set to begin phased reopening Friday, May 1
- States reopening despite federal guidelines
- A timeline for returning to normal: When will each state reopen?
- Only limited construction projects permissible under Michigan stay-at-home order
- Comparing stay-at-home orders: Permitted activities in one state may be a violation in another
- Available state resources and incentives
- Floridians ordered to stay home with exceptions to perform essential activities through April 30
- New businesses and workers considered essential under updated CISA guidelines
- Navigating a stay-at-home order: Is your business non-essential?
- Michigan non-essential businesses forced to close through April 13
- Illinois non-essential businesses forced to close through April 7
- Navigating through economic instability and COVID-19: SBA economic injury disaster loans
- COVID-19: Navigating a state's open meetings act
- Ohio to implement liquor buyback program in response to COVID-19
- 2020 update on Medicare payment for behavioral health care

