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OVERVIEW

Kevin represents clients in high-stakes commercial litigation, helping healthcare organizations and other businesses protect their interests and resolve complex disputes.

Kevin handles a wide range of business disputes, including contract, fraud, and class action matters. As part of the firm's Healthcare industry team, he regularly represents hospitals, health systems, providers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other healthcare organizations in cases involving regulatory compliance, reimbursement disputes, and operational challenges. He also regularly defends clients against class actions, particularly those involving consumer protection claims, false advertising claims, and fraud allegations.

Before entering the legal field, Kevin taught English, history, and geometry at the high school level. That experience sharpened his ability to distill complex information into clear, persuasive arguments—a skill he brings to every case. After law school, he moved into private practice, handling an array of litigation and serving on trial teams for high-stakes cases before clerking for two years in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Clerking for two long-serving federal judges gave Kevin an insider's perspective on how courts evaluate cases. He learned to zero in on the issues that drive outcomes—saving clients from the cost and distraction of arguing points that don't move the needle. That judicial perspective, combined with years in the classroom, makes Kevin a skilled storyteller who presents facts and law in a way that is accurate, understandable, and compelling to judges, juries, and arbitration panels.

Industry

Healthcare

Services

340B Drug Pricing Program

Antitrust Litigation

Class Action Defense

Commercial Litigation

ERISA & Employee Benefits Litigation

Healthcare Litigation

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Pharmacy

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Kevin is known for listening carefully to his clients, taking the time to understand their business objectives, and developing litigation strategies that align legal arguments with real-world results. Clients value his responsiveness, his ability to explain complex legal issues in plain terms, and his commitment to efficient, cost-effective representation.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2027

Education

- J.D., Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
  - *cum laude*
  - Dean's Leadership Award
  - Award for Excellence in Oral Advocacy
- M.A., St. John's College
- B.A., Truman State University
  - *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

Clerkships

Honorable Audrey G. Fleissig and Honorable John A. Ross, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

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