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Practice Areas

- Complex Commercial Litigation involving:
 - Business & Insurance
 - Class Actions
 - Employment
- Complex Torts
- Professional Liability
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Internal Corporate Investigations

Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D., 2000)
 - Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law
- Boston College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1997)
- Studies at the U.N. Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Magee College, University of Ulster, Derry, Northern Ireland (1995)

Clerkship

The Honorable Louis C. Bechtle, Chief Judge Emeritus of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2000-01)

Biography

Kevin Kent represents corporations and professionals in a broad range of complex commercial litigation focusing on class actions, civil RICO, director and officer liability, legal malpractice, fiduciary, trademark, copyright, and employment litigation. A substantial portion of Kevin's practice involves white collar criminal defense, including grand jury investigations overseen by U.S. Attorneys' offices, and the defense of clients in parallel civil litigations.

Representative Matters

- Defended civil RICO action involving international insurance transactions while coordinating with foreign lawyers on parallel civil and regulatory litigation in Europe.
- Obtained judgment on the merits on all claims in New Jersey state court on behalf of outdoor advertising developer in suit relating to development of billboards.
- Obtained specific performance with respect to outdoor advertising developer's contract with commercial landowner.
- Obtained judgment on the merits in federal court on behalf of syndicators of a Thoroughbred stallion in suit alleging breach of fiduciary duty and tortious interference.
- Obtained summary relief on behalf of a charter school in the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, as well as summary judgment in the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, in parallel litigations concerning student enrollment caps.
- Participated in defense of subsidiaries of international insurance company in putative nationwide class action in New Mexico state court alleging failure to disclose and unfair trade practices in connection with sale of insurance policies.
- Defended law firms and individual lawyers in legal malpractice and employment actions.
- Obtained settlement for product manufacturer providing it with monetary and injunctive relief in trademark, copyright and antitrust lawsuits.
- Defended securities brokerage firm in putative securities class action.
- Defended former officers and directors of company in liquidation.
- Obtained \$2,250,000 settlement for police officer in civil rights action.
- Prosecuted claims regarding rights to real property.

Bar and Court Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- Solicitor, Ireland
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, New Jersey

Honors and Memberships

- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel
- American Bar Association
- International Bar Association
- Law Society of Ireland
- Law Society of England & Wales
- Boston College Alumni Association
- Irish American Business Chamber & Network
- American Ireland Fund
- The Brehon Law Society
- Pennsylvania Rising Star (2010)

Publications

Kevin's article, *Basic Rights and Anti-Terrorism Legislation: Can Britain's Criminal Justice (Terrorism and Conspiracy) Act Be Reconciled With Its Human Rights Act*, was published at 33 Vand. J. Transnat'l L. 221 (2000).

- Prosecuted minority shareholder oppression suit against corporation and controlling shareholders.
- Defended businesses and individuals in federal and state court employment litigation.
- Advised clients in connection with potential libel claims resulting from media reports.
- While clerking for The Honorable Louis C. Bechtle, Kevin participated in the Judge's regular trial docket, as well as the administration of thousands of diet drug cases consolidated before Judge Bechtle for coordinated and consolidated pretrial proceedings by the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation.

Kevin, who is also licensed as a solicitor in Ireland, was recently profiled in the "Most Influential US-Ireland Business Leaders" issue of Business & Finance Magazine, which recognizes and profiles the most important business figures across Ireland and the United States.