



Trial attorney Kevin McDermott spent his entire career resolving substantive commercial and business disputes. As a result, he offered clients the honed negotiation and diplomacy skills, intellectual prowess as an advocate, and talent and artistry at trial required to help resolve even the most serious claims.

Kevin focused his practice on commercial litigation, constitutional law, securities litigation and business torts. He counseled clients in a variety of industries, including real estate, finance, healthcare and construction. Kevin has more than three decades of experience resolving disputes before various courts, administrative agencies, and arbitration tribunals and in mediation.

Kevin was dedicated to understanding what his clients need to realize a win both in and out of court. He was valued for taking each client's unique interests and objectives into account when developing a big-picture strategy.

As high-stakes litigation is much like a game of chess, Kevin sought to remain several steps ahead of his adversary. He knew how to analyze, leverage and present a controversy and steer it toward a successful outcome. He maintained a track record of effectively helping clients, which is grounded in his distinct and formidable litigation experience, the ability to realize tactical advantage, and sheer people skills.

Notably, he served as special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General in an arbitration against numerous tobacco manufacturers where Ohio retained approximately \$290 million in payments previously received and obtained an additional \$36.5 million award for the state of Ohio. In addition, Kevin also was recognized by Ohio Lawyers Weekly as Ohio Lawyer of the Year for his successful constitutional challenge to a 20-year-old construction racial set-aside statute on behalf of a contractors association client. He litigated numerous cases involving the award of attorneys' fees and has served as an expert witness on attorneys' fees awards.

For more than 25 years, Kevin served an arbitrator for FINRA. He has also prosecuted and defended securities claims in industry arbitrations.

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University College of Law, (J.D.), cum laude, 1977, Order of the Coif

Miami University, (A.B.), cum laude, 1974

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

U.S. Supreme Court

LANGUAGES

English

Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, Kevin was a partner at Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, where he previously chaired the litigation department.

Professional and Community Involvement

Member, Ohio State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Member, Ohio State Bar Association

Member, Columbus Bar Association

Past president, The Federalist Society Columbus Lawyers Chapter

Past president, Easter Seals of Central Ohio

Honors

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Fellow, Ohio State Bar Foundation

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent

The Best Lawyers in America, 2003-2020

Ohio Super Lawyers, 2004-2019

Who's Who in American Law

Ohio Lawyers Weekly, Ohio Lawyer of the Year