



R. DeWitt 'Kyle' Kirwan is a partner in the firm's Litigation Department. Kyle focuses his practice on the trial of complex and high-stakes civil litigation, including class action and NLRB cases.

Kyle has more than 38 years of trial experience and has tried more than 40 major jury trials, as well as many arbitrations and court trials. His experience includes high-stakes product and toxic tort litigation; unfair trade practices; wrongful termination and labor and employment; lender liability; and business and commercial litigation.

The National Law Journal featured a case of Kyle's 'a seven-week jury trial in which he served as lead trial counsel for a preeminent entertainment company, in a highly publicized multimillion dollar lawsuit ' as one of the top 10 defense verdicts in the U.S. in 2005. Additionally, he has tried high-stakes business and employment litigation, complex labor cases, and union-instigated discrimination litigation, as well as trade secret and antitrust lawsuits tried to verdict, resolution or settlement.

Kyle is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Who's Who in America* (2011), *Who's Who in the World* (2011), and *Who's Who in American Law* (2011). He was listed in *Corporate Counsel Magazine's* 'Top Lawyers' list and was selected by his peers, a *Southern California 'Super Lawyer'* (2008). In addition, he is a frequent speaker on the topic of jury trial practice, and is the author of *Product Liability Under California Law*.

Kyle is a 1966 alumnus of the University of California Berkeley, where he earned his B.A. with honors. In 1969, he earned his J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law. He served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War, and is fluent in German.

Where civic pursuits are concerned, Kyle has been deeply involved as a director of the Outward Bound School; as president of the executive board of the University of California at Berkeley; as a trustee of the U.C. Berkeley Foundation; and as a director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. He is a current member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, as well as a commissioner on the Governor's Commission on Judicial Nominations.

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, (B.A.), 1966

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COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

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

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

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Antitrust and Competition Law

Class and Collective Actions

Commercial Litigation

Consumer Class Action Defense

Discrimination Defense

Employment Litigation

Environmental Litigation

Labor and Employment

Litigation

Non-Compete and Trade Secrets

Product Liability and Mass Torts

Toxic Substances and Other Torts

Union Avoidance

Wage and Hour

INDUSTRIES

Agriculture and Food

Colleges and Universities

Education