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EDUCATION

University of Oklahoma College of Law, J.D., 1977

University of Oklahoma, B.A., 1974, Major in Political Science/Law Enforcement; Minor in Journalism

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps
Prosecutor, 1977-1981
Reserves, 1981-2006
Retired as Colonel

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Montgomery Little Soran Murray & Kuhn, PC, 1981-2007

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
Montana
New Mexico
Oklahoma

HIGHLIGHTS

- Won a defense jury verdict for a Montana hospital in a birth case.
- Won a defense verdict in a Montana pediatric medicine trial with \$30M in damages. Courtroom View Network named this one of the Top 10 verdicts of 2022.
- Argued and won reversal of a \$15 million jury verdict for a surgery center.
- Won a defense verdict for a physician in a four-week trial with \$70 million at stake in a case involving bacterial meningitis in a minor.
- Won a defense verdict for a spine surgeon in a multimillion-dollar medical malpractice and negligence lawsuit.
- Won affirmation before the Colorado Court of Appeals of a defense verdict for a labor and delivery nurse.
- Won a critical decision for the healthcare community before the Colorado Supreme Court.

INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare
- Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals
- Energy
- Real Estate
- Professional Services
- Insurance
- Trucking

PRACTICE AREAS

- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Professional Liability
- Employment
- Commercial Litigation
- Catastrophic Injury Defense
- Investigations & Compliance
- Product Liability
- Appellate

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BIOGRAPHY

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Kevin has defended medical malpractice cases involving physicians, dentists, oral surgeons, hospitals, nurses, and other healthcare providers; defended professional negligence cases involving attorneys, accountants, and real estate agents and brokers; and represented injured parties. In one case, Kevin successfully defended a real estate agent and broker in a real estate negligence jury trial brought by a physician purchaser.

He has defended long-term care facilities and mental health professional negligence actions and litigated cases in areas of insurance coverage, premises liability, product liability, oil and gas, commercial law, domestic relations, agricultural products, and employment law. He represents healthcare and other professionals in administrative licensing and credentialing matters and hearings. In addition to his civil practice, Kevin has prosecuted and defended criminal cases. He has extensive deposition experience and expertise in all kinds of civil and commercial cases. He is a frequent and sought-after continuing legal education speaker and frequently speaks to healthcare professionals.

CASES

- Won a defense verdict for a hospital following an eight-day jury trial in Missoula, Montana.
- Won a defense jury verdict in Montana for a medical center and pediatric neurologist facing up to \$30 million in damages. The plaintiff claimed that WTO's clients failed to timely diagnose and treat a rare neurological disease that led to blindness. Courtroom View Network named this one of the Top 10 verdicts of 2022.
- Argued remotely and won reversal of a \$15 million medical malpractice jury verdict in the Colorado Court of Appeals. The court ruled that the Corporate Practice of Medicine Doctrine precluded the plaintiff's claims against WTO's surgery center client.
- Won a defense verdict after a four-week trial for a physician facing \$70 million in damages claims arising from allegations that WTO's client and others failed to timely diagnose and treat bacterial meningitis in a minor. Seven co-defendants settled, leaving WTO's physician client and another physician defendant alone at trial.

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- Won a defense jury verdict for a spinal surgeon in a multimillion-dollar medical malpractice lawsuit in Colorado. The patient experienced a complication during surgery that resulted in partial paralysis. WTO lawyers demonstrated that our client was not at fault. Following the two-week trial, jurors delivered a complete defense verdict.
- Won affirmance from the Colorado Court of Appeals in a defense verdict for WTO's labor and delivery nurse client. Plaintiffs had claimed \$17 million in this obstetrical malpractice claim.
- Won an appeal argued before the Colorado Supreme Court challenging a trial court's order to submit Quality Management Privileged (QMP) materials relating to an incident at issue in a medical malpractice trial. The appellate decision is significant, as the QMP designation allows hospitals and healthcare providers to assess and innovate following critical incidents without concern that their discussions will be discovered.
- Won a complete defense verdict in federal court in Colorado for an emergency physician in a three-week medical malpractice trial in which the plaintiff alleged misdiagnosis leading to paralysis and asserted damage claims of \$12 million.
- Obtained victory before the Colorado Court of Appeals for a bariatric surgeon. WTO lawyers tried and won the original case, which involved alleged complications following gastric bypass surgery. The Court of Appeals rejected the plaintiff's assertions that the lower court erred in precluding certain expert testimony and affirmed the 2011 trial court verdict.
- Won a unanimous defense verdict for a labor and delivery nurse in a \$17 million, three-and-a-half-week obstetrical malpractice trial in Colorado state court.
- Defended a trucking company against negligence claims arising from a nine-vehicle accident on a snowy Nebraska interstate highway.
- Won a jury defense verdict for a Colorado bariatric surgeon in Denver District Court.
- Helped secure a landmark victory from the Colorado Supreme Court as amicus counsel for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in a case involving the reliability of the intrauterine forces theory of labor as applied in shoulder dystocia matters.
- Won a unanimous jury defense verdict for a cardiothoracic surgeon in a two-week medical malpractice trial involving injuries associated with an atrial fibrillation surgery.

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- Won a jury defense verdict for an orthopedic spine surgeon in a medical malpractice case with millions of dollars in damage claims at stake, including eight years of accruing pretrial interest.
- Co-managed with one other law firm the response to requests from 418 dealers for arbitration relating to the bankruptcy of Chrysler Group LLC and following Chrysler's termination of those dealerships. WTO litigated 187 of these Section 747 arbitrations, and, as directed by Congress, resolved all of the litigation within seven months--with a 96% success rate.
- Won a Colorado Court of Appeals opinion upholding WTO's jury defense verdict in a medical malpractice trial involving shoulder dystocia.
- Won a jury defense verdict in Denver District Court for a prominent Denver heart surgeon.
- Won affirmance from the Colorado Court of Appeals for four doctors in a medical tort case involving wrongful death claims relating to medical treatment provided to the plaintiff's husband before his death.
- Following opening arguments, negotiated favorable settlement of a \$50 million medical malpractice lawsuit in Iowa.
- Won a defense verdict in Oregon as co-counsel in a \$9 million trial involving negligence claims in a birth trauma case involving shoulder dystocia.

TEACHING POSITIONS

- Air Force Judge Advocate General School
 - Trial advocacy and professional responsibility courses, 1999-2004
 - United States Air Force Academy Department of Law
 - Instructor, Reservist, 1996-1999

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REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- CNA - National Trial Counsel for CNA Insureds
- Constellation/MMIC - National Trial Counsel for Constellation Insureds
- COPIC Insurance - National Trial Counsel for COPIC Insureds
- LifePoint Health, Inc. - National Trial Counsel
- LifePoint Hospitals
- Medical Protective - National Trial Counsel for Medical Protective Insureds
- OneBeacon - Trial Counsel for OneBeacon Insureds
- Premier Insurance - National Trial Counsel for Premier Insureds
- St. Paul Travelers
- Swiss Re - National Trial Counsel
- Universal Health Services - National Trial Counsel
- University of Colorado Health Sciences

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
- Montana
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
- U.S. District Court, N.D. Florida
- U.S. District Court, W.D. Oklahoma

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- International Academy of Trial Lawyers
 - National Admissions Committee
 - American College of Trial Lawyers
 - Fellow
 - American College of Trial Lawyers Journal
 - Editorial Board
- American Board of Trial Advocates
 - Member
- The Best Lawyers in America
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants Lawyer of the Year, 2022, 2024
 - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants Lawyer of the Year, 2024
 - Denver Professional Malpractice Law Lawyer of the Year, 2016, 2019

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- Denver Medical Malpractice Defense Lawyer of the Year, 2013, 2019
- Commercial Litigation, 2018-2026
- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2007-2026
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2018-2026
- Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2015-2026
- Colorado Super Lawyers
- Personal Injury Defense: Medical Malpractice, 2006-2025
- Top 100, 2012-2022, 2024-2025
- Top 10, 2008

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- Top 50, 2007-2011
- Law Week Colorado
 - "Barrister's Choice" Best Medical Malpractice Defense Lawyer, 2019-2022, 2024
 - "People's Choice" Best Medical Malpractice Defense Lawyer, 2011-2012, 2014-2017, 2023
- Benchmark Litigation
 - Litigation Star, 2017-2018, 2020-2026
 - Medical Malpractice - Colorado, 2013-2016
- 5280 Magazine
 - Top Lawyer
 - Medical Malpractice: Defense, 2015-2021, 2023-2026
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated
- Faculty of Federal Advocates
 - President, 2008
- Colorado Defense Lawyer's "Trial Idol" Closing Argument Contest
 - Winner, 2006
- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, Invited Member
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association
- Colorado Bar Foundation
 - Fellow
- Arapahoe County Bar Foundation
 - Fellow
- Colorado Supreme Court Jury System Standing Committee
 - Member
- Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission, 1995-2001
- Arapahoe County Bar Association
 - Board of Directors, 1996-1998
- Aurora Bar Association
 - Vice President, 1994-1995
 - President, 1995-1996
- Denver Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- American Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
- Catholic Lawyers Guild
 - Vice President, 1999-2000
 - President, 2000-2001
- Federation of Insurance & Corporate Counsel, 1989-1995
- University of Oklahoma College of Law Association
- Independence of the Judiciary Committee, 18th Judicial District, Colorado

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COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- University of Colorado Office of Admissions
 - Admissions Committee, 2005-2013
- Florence Crittenton Services
 - Board of Directors, 2012
- Aurora Community Health Center
 - Board of Directors, 1991-1992
- Colorado Beer Club, 1991-present
- Congressman Tancredo's Military Academies Merit Selection, 2000
- Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, 2005; 1996
- Havana Heights Neighborhood Association
 - President, 1997-1999
- Church of the Risen Christ, Denver, Colorado
 - Parishioner
- Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center
 - Planned Giving Committee, 1986-1990
- Sigma Chi Fraternity
 - Life-Member
- Read Across America Day*
 - Volunteer Reader, 1998

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Articles

- Contributor, "Electronic Records and Metadata: Old and New Liability Risks," *Contemporary OB/GYN*, (September 2018).

Presentations

- Presenter, "Dealing with High Exposure Media Sensitive Cases," *MPLA Claims and Risk Management/Patient Safety Workshop* (September 2024).
- Co-presenter, "Mitigating the Risk of Nuclear Verdicts," *COPIC's annual Patient Safety Risk Management Forum* (October 23, 2023).
- Co-presenter, "National Counsel, National Solutions," *Medical Professional Liability Association's Claims Defense Forum*, (October 2022).
- Presenter, "Discovery Duel - Plaintiff Versus Defendant Debate & Update," *The Colorado Defense Lawyers Association CLE*, (December 5, 2018).
- Presenter, "Practical Judicial Ethics Dilemmas, the Lawyer's Perspective," *The Biennial Judicial Ethics Training for Administrative Law Judges*, (December 2, 2016).

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- Presenter, "Closing Arguments," The Colorado Defense Lawyers Association Summer Conference, (July 27, 2014).
- Presenter, "The Fundamentals of Expert Witness Examinations," The Colorado Defense Lawyers Association's Trial Academy, (April 23-24, 2014).
- "Winning Trial Tactics of 2013 - Choosing Your Audience: How to Decode, Decipher and Enlighten Complete Strangers During Jury Selection," American College of Trial Lawyers and Colorado Bar Association's, Denver, Colorado, (November 8, 2013).
- "CDLA/CTLA Joint CLE – Discovery Issues: How Both Sides of the Bar Can Be More Cooperative in Discovery," Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center, Denver, Colorado, (October 24, 2013).
- "The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Colorado Seminar 2013: Ethics and Beyond- Food for the Journey – *"(Lead Us Not Into) Temptations: The Rules of Professional Conduct,"* Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House, Sedalia, Colorado, (October 18, 2013).
- Presenter, "The Trial Lawyer's Perspective on Judicial Conduct and Misconduct," The Judicial Ethics Training for Administrative Law Adjudicators, (January 2013).
- Presenter, "Voir Dire - Mastering Persuasion, Eliciting Information and Educating Jurors," Winning at Trial: Tactics and Skills for 2011, sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers, (November 11, 2011).
- Presenter, "Shoulder Dystocia: Defending the Healthcare Provider," Medical Legal Issues in Obstetrics Practice, (November 20, 2009).
- Presenter, "Our Courts," Windcrest Independent Living, (June 19, 2009).
- "Making It Right: Compensation, Safety, and Accountability for Children Born in Colorado with Neurological Impairments," Panelist, Common Good Colorado, (April 22, 2009).
- Presenter, "Voir Dire," Colorado Defense Lawyers Conference, (April 16, 2009).
- Presenter, "Voir Dire," Colorado Defense Lawyers Conference, (August 3, 2007).
- Presenter, "Ethics for Military Judges," Interservice Military Judges' Seminar, (March 2006/March 2007).
- "Deposition Conduct Behavior: What's Acceptable, What's Not, Moderator," Faculty of Federal Advocates, (January 12, 2007).
- Presenter, "Tort Reform Issues," Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, (November 6, 2006).

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- Presenter, "Ethics in Managing Claims," Colorado Claims Association, (October 20, 2006).
- Presenter, "Civil Law Update," Colorado Judicial Conference, (September 18, 2006).
- Presenter, "Lawyers: Advertising, Consumer Protection Act, and Deposition Behaviors," Louisiana Defense Lawyers Seminar, (February 28, 2006).
- Presenter, "Discovery: A Practical Approach to Current Issues," Colorado Judicial Conference, (September 19, 2005).
- Presenter, "Enforcing and Negotiating Settlements," Colorado Bar Association's Personal Injury Litigation Program, (May 19, 2005).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Family, exercise, reading, history, aviation