



## KEVIN C. HAVELDA

### Associate

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### BIOGRAPHY

Kevin Havelda represents clients in complex commercial litigation matters, with a focus on insurance, business torts, employment defense, and contractual disputes. Prior to joining WTO, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Claria Horn Boom of the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, and as an associate at a full service firm in Lexington, Kentucky where he completed an extended secondment with Central Bank and Trust, Co.

Through these experiences, Kevin has gained valuable experience in both state and federal courts where he has conducted mediations, taken and defended several depositions, and argued dispositive motions in court. During his clerkship, Kevin participated in two civil bench trials – one intellectual property rights case and a high profile FLSA case—three criminal trials, several emergency motion hearings, as well as countless civil hearings, including one for personal jurisdiction.

Prior to law school, Kevin participated in the Teach for America program in New Orleans and was a founding English teacher at a top charter school in Brooklyn, New York.

### CASES

- *Modern Automotive Network, LLC, et. al v. Snead Chevrolet, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 16-CI-00639, Div. 1 (Franklin Cir. Ct. 2017) - Successfully represented a first-time client as lead counsel involving a trans-state contract and automotive dispute. The lawsuit involved both statutory and regulatory litigation, resulting in recovery of attorney's fees award to the client.
- *HMP Automotive Consultants, LLC v. Pierce Property Group, LLC et al.*, 5:17-CV-00226-KKC (E.D. KY 2017) - Obtained a default judgment award against defendants in a contract dispute in federal court following contentious discovery disputes.
- *Hinkle Block and Masonry, LLC v. Masonry Builder's of KY, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 15-CI-00141, Div. No. 1 (Morgan Cir. Ct., 2015) - Successfully defended bad faith claims in Kentucky state court as lead counsel in a surety case, and then litigated an indemnity suit in federal court following the settlement of all claims against the principal.
- Obtained a favorable settlement in an arbitration for a client facing breach of contract claims after the plaintiff brought nefarious litigation in multiple jurisdictions. As a result, the client saved hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Won motion to dismiss in an intellectual property claim in federal court for a client facing vexatious litigation with a pro se litigant.
- Played a key role on a large team conducting an internal investigation and corrective action plan for a Tier 1 reinsurance client that was potentially exposed to billions of dollars in regulatory fines. Conducted both fact and

### EDUCATION

University of Kentucky College of Law, J.D., 2015, Faculty Cup Award, *Kentucky Law Journal*, Senior Staff, UK Legal Clinic

Hunter College Graduate School of Education, M.Ed., 2012

Centre College, B.A. 2008, International Studies and English

### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Claria Horn Boom, U.S. District Court of the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky

The Honorable Joseph Hood, Judicial Extern

Teach For America, Corps Member, Greater New Orleans, 2008-2010

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Frost Brown Todd LLC

Associate, Business Litigation  
Bingham Greenbaum Doll LLP  
Summer Associate

### ADMISSIONS

Kentucky  
Colorado

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment
- Mass Torts

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expert witness interviews.

- Co-authored a legal opinion on the constitutionality of charter school legislation in Kentucky, which led to passage of H.B. 520, which was the first legislation in Kentucky to authorize charter schools.
- Advocated for clients in the burgeoning field of hemp law, and assisted with confiscations from federal agencies.
- Won a \$10,000 settlement for the Beaux Arts Foundation in Lexington, Kentucky, thereby preventing the organization from going bankrupt.

## COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Teach For America

Alumnus

Bonner Scholars

Alumnus

Leadership Lexington, Class of 2018

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

Soccer, Running, Road Biking, Drumming, Live Music, Volunteering