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Kevin Kita has more than seven years' experience defending the interests of manufactures, insurers, and businesses in all aspects of civil litigation. He has first-chaired numerous jury trials and obtained favorable jury verdicts in three different states. Kevin is also a member of the firm's appellate practice group and has successfully handled appellate cases before Ohio's Sixth, Ninth and Tenth District Courts of Appeal, the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Ohio Supreme Court. Though experienced in a wide variety of legal matters, Kevin focuses his practice primarily in the areas of insurance defense, products liability, warranty defense, and general liability defense.

Kevin's achievements as a litigator and trial counsel have been recognized throughout the community. He was recently retained by LEXIS to co-author two chapters of its upcoming Ohio Insurance Litigation Guide. In addition to his growing litigation practice, Kevin is an adjunct professor at The University of Akron School of Law where he is in charge of the mock trial competition program. In that capacity, he has coached the University of Akron to five regional championships, one national championship, and twice finished as national runner-up.

Kevin also serves as a lead instructor at the law school's annual summer trial practice academy since the program was founded in 2015.

Education

John Carroll University, B.S., 2006
The University of Akron School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2011

Associations

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
Akron Bar Association
Ohio State Bar Association
Defense Research Institute

Awards & Recognition

Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2014, 2018, 2019
Top Attorneys – Outstanding Young Lawyers in Cleveland and Columbus, 2014-2018

Practice Areas

Insurance Coverage
Products Liability
Medical Malpractice
Civil Rights & Government Liability
Appellate
Intellectual Property & Trademark Enforcement

Representative Matters

Successful defense of an insurance company in federal court against a post-settlement discovery action seeking a basis for contribution and indemnification. Court found in favor of defense legal arguments limiting plaintiff's expansive request for pre-suit discovery, ultimately resulting in dismissal.

Breach of warranty and consumer protection action filed by consumers alleging their vehicle contained a latent defect causing it to experience a steering pull which was not corrected in a timely manner. Directed verdict returned in favor of client auto manufacturer.

Admissions

California
Kentucky
Michigan
Ohio

United States District Courts

Northern District of Ohio
Southern District of Ohio
Eastern District of Arkansas
Eastern District of Kentucky
Western District of Kentucky

Community

Adjunct Professor at the University of Akron School of Law – Head of the Mock Trial Competition Program

Serves as Sutter O'Connell Liaison to Legal Aid Society of Cleveland