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Focus

[Litigation Appellate](#)

Profile

Kevin is a versatile member of Dunn Carney's litigation team, with experience in commercial, real estate, construction defect, insurance coverage, probate, and environmental litigation. As a former CPA and internal auditor for the State of Ohio, he knows the practical value of testing every assumption and scrutinizing the smallest details for their relevance and application.

During law school, Kevin externed at the Michigan Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the Michigan Court of Appeals. After law school, Kevin clerked for the Oregon Tax Court. From these experiences, Kevin knows what litigation strategies are effective for a wide variety of cases, whether setting the stage for trial or pursuing relief on appeal.

Kevin believes that nothing can replace the work accomplished by local organizations. He serves on the ambassador board for CASA for Children, where he helps build awareness and fundraises for an organization devoted to supporting court appointed special advocates for children who have been abused or neglected. Kevin is the Chair of Dunn Carney's Pro Bono Committee. You will also see him volunteering his time to various organizations in the Portland metro area.

In his free time, Kevin enjoys hiking and trail running. He is also a season subscriber to Portland Opera and Oregon Ballet Theatre.

Admissions

Oregon

Washington

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

Education

Michigan State University College of Law, J.D., magna cum laude; *Journal of Business and Securities Law*, Managing Editor; *Moot Court Board*

The University of Findlay, B.S., Economics

The University of Findlay, B.S., Accounting with emphasis in Financial and Managerial, cum laude

Honors & Affiliations

Professional Affiliations

Multnomah Bar Association

Oregon Association of Defense Counsel

Oregon State Bar

Washington State Bar

Associations

Certified Public Accountant (Retired), Accountancy Board of Ohio

Multnomah Bar Association

Involvement

Case Notes Editor, *The Verdict* (2023 - present)

Legal Aid Night Clinic

CASA for Children (2022 - present)

Multnomah Bar Association - CLE Committee (2019 - 2020).

Multnomah Bar Association - Young Lawyer's Section Co-Chair, Service to the Public Committee (2016 - 2018)

Portland Opera, Ambassador Board (2017 - 2023)

Our House of Portland, Ambassador Council (2016 - 2018)

Recognition

Rookie of the Year, Multnomah Bar Association - Young Lawyer's Section

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Results & Expertise

Outcomes:

- Prevailed on summary judgment on Employer Liability Law Claims asserted against subcontractor by a separate subcontractor's employee injured on jobsite.
- Prevailed on summary judgment on contract and negligence claims against beneficiaries of a trust based on no duty owed by escrow company related to sale of real property approved by trustee of trust.
- Prevailed on motion to dismiss contract claims against issuer of construction warranty based on Florida choice of law provision.

Published Work:

Duty to Defend Includes a "Complete Defense" and Is Triggered Even if Coverage Producing Facts Are Not Expressly Alleged, *The Verdict* Case Note (2023-Issue 4)

Contributing Author to Insurance Law in Oregon (2020 edition)

Presentations:

ORS 30.140: Issues and Practice Tips on the Duty to Defend in Construction Defect Matters, *Lightning Round Presentation*, 2022 OADC Annual Convention

Insurance in the Time of COVID, *Webinar*, Oregon Women Lawyers