

Kevin J. Finnerty

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Practice Areas

Insurance & Reinsurance
Complex Trial & Appellate

Education

Boston College Law School
JD (2014) *magna cum laude*
Articles Editor, *Boston College Law Review*

Tufts University
BA (2011)

Admissions

Massachusetts
District of Massachusetts
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Kevin Finnerty represents global insurers and reinsurers in significant coverage disputes, and helps financial services companies, biotech companies, and other industry-leading companies to resolve complex commercial litigation successfully and efficiently. He has handled cases in a variety of state and federal courts, and in arbitration.

In 2017, Kevin served as a Special Assistant District Attorney with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

Kevin's clients have included Starr Insurance Companies, John Hancock Financial, and Alnylam Pharmaceuticals.

Representative Engagements

- Advise reinsurers concerning COVID-19 coverage disputes in connection with property, liability, and workers' compensation losses.
- Represent reinsurers and cedents in coverage disputes concerning property catastrophes, asbestos losses, construction defects, variable annuities, and industry loss warranties.
- Advise insurers with respect to complex coverage issues, including talc losses, pharmaceutical losses, and nationwide clergy abuse claims.
- Prevailed at trial while representing leading insurer in action to rescind \$25 million product contamination policy based upon policyholder's material misrepresentation during the policy application process.
- Represented international financial services company in successful appeal regarding breach of pharmaceutical research funding agreement, leading to recovery of more than \$50 million.
- Represented industry-leading biotechnology company in trade secret misappropriation lawsuit.
- Represented global private equity firm in successful motion to dismiss breach of contract action.

Publications & Presentations

- "Halo V. Pulse: The Willfulness Debate Rages On," co-author, *IP Law360*
- "NY Courts Are Both Affirming and Limiting Bellefonte," co-author, *Insurance Law360*

Recognition

- *Boston Magazine* Top Lawyer in Commercial Litigation (2022)

- *Massachusetts Super Lawyers* "Rising Star"
- *The Legal 500*: Rising Star (2022-2023)