



Kevin J. Finnerty

PARTNER

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Kevin Finnerty represents global insurers and reinsurers in high-stakes disputes. He helps clients win their most challenging matters in court and arbitration, including disputes involving natural catastrophes, PFAS, pharmaceuticals, asbestos, silica, and terrorism. Kevin also provides advice on coverage issues, complex exposures, and wordings.

In addition to his insurance coverage practice, Kevin litigates significant commercial disputes including matters involving contractual breaches, fraud, and claims brought under ERISA.

Focus Areas

Litigation and Investigations

Business and Financial Litigation

Insurance and Reinsurance

Recognition

- *The Legal 500: Next Generation Partner (2022-2025)*
- *Boston Magazine Top Lawyer in Commercial Litigation and Insurance (2022-2025)*
- *Massachusetts Super Lawyers "Rising Star"*

Representative Engagements

- Represents reinsurers in disputes involving natural catastrophe losses, including wildfire and hurricane losses.
- Represents reinsurers in disputes involving abuse claims against educators, clergy, and other youth organizations.
- Serves as national coverage counsel for insurer in connection with silica losses.
- Serves as national coverage counsel for insurer in connection with PFAS losses.
- Represents insurer in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and related coverage litigation addressing asbestos losses.
- Represents insurer in complex claims involving terrorism and mass shootings.
- Represents risk pool with respect to wrongful incarceration claim.
- Advised reinsurers concerning COVID-19 coverage disputes.
- Prevailed at trial while representing insurer in action to rescind \$25 million product contamination policy based upon policyholder's material misrepresentation.
- Represented international financial services company in successful appeal regarding breach of pharmaceutical research funding agreement, leading to recovery of more than \$50 million.
- Represented investment advisor in successful appeal, resulting in dismissal of claims brought under ERISA.
- Represented industry-leading biotechnology company in trade secret misappropriation lawsuit.

Education & Credentials

- Boston College Law School, JD (2014) *magna cum laude*, Articles Editor, *Boston College Law Review*
- Tufts University, BA (2011)

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First, Second, and Sixth Circuits