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Kevin Kelly is counsel in the New York office of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP where he focuses his practice on litigation matters.

Kevin has extensive experience representing public companies and their officers and directors in securities class action and shareholder derivative litigations. In recent years, Kevin has won or negotiated the complete dismissal of a dozen such law suits with no findings of liability against his clients. Relatedly, Kevin is well seasoned in advising clients on best practices in corporate governance and in counseling clients on responding to shareholder demand letters.

Kevin also represents global financial institutions in complex litigations and bankruptcy proceedings. Kevin is particularly adept at helping clients meet the demands of U.S. discovery as efficiently as possible without running afoul of another country's data and financial privacy laws. Kevin has considerable experience drafting dispositive motions and taking and defending depositions on behalf of his global clients in these proceedings.

Kevin currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society's New Leadership Program, where he sits on the Executive Committee. Kevin maintains an active pro bono practice, frequently partnering with the Legal Aid Society on various initiatives, including fair housing cases and the protection of prisoners' rights. Kevin has been awarded the Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Publico Award in 2016, 2017, and 2024 for outstanding service in these matters. Most recently, Kevin served as lead litigation counsel for a team that obtained the expeditious transfer of a transgender female prisoner to a gender-aligned female prison after the department of corrections had denied her transfer requests for years.

Kevin joined the firm as counsel in 2024. Kevin began his career as a litigation attorney at another prominent global law firm.

Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2014, cum laude; Associate Editor, Journal of Law Reform

University of Michigan, B.A., 2009, with Honors

Practices

Securities Litigation, Regulation & Enforcement

White Collar Defense & Investigations

Commercial Litigation

Admissions

New York

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

