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“Clients come first and are at the center of everything I do. My approach is to listen carefully to each client with an ear toward understanding their objectives. From there I ensure that services are crafted to deliver results that achieve the client’s objectives and exceed expectations. This approach allows me to build lasting relationships, and clients know I will be there for them when they need me most.”

Kieran Curley serves as the firm’s managing partner. In this role, Kieran oversees the firm’s leadership team and leads the development and execution of the firm’s strategic and growth initiatives to ensure that they advance the firm’s vision and strategic plan. In concert with the firm’s Chief Client Officer, Kieran solicits client feedback to ensure that the firm meets client needs and to inform decision making. Kieran serves as the partner in charge of the firm’s Portland office and provides leadership on the firm’s Executive Committee, Partnership Committee, and Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

Kieran also has broad experience in complex commercial litigation, including insurance recovery, construction, and commercial litigation matters. Kieran came to the Pacific Northwest through service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and he held accounting and finance positions with The Hillhaven Corporation and the Providence Health System before becoming a lawyer.

Professional Activities

- Multnomah Bar Association, member
- Oregon State Bar
 - Business Litigation Section, past member of executive committee
- American Bar Association
 - Insurance Coverage Litigation Section, member
- U.S. District Court of Oregon Historical Society, member

Civic Activities

- CASA for Children, board of directors
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, past member of board of directors
- The Madeleine Parish Pastoral Council, past member

Education

J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2001

B.A., Loyola College, business administration, 1992

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2001

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2001

Representative Experience

Litigation

- *Archdiocese of Portland v. ACE, et al.* Directed insurance recovery litigation on behalf of The Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon against various insurance companies. Successfully recovered more than \$75 million from insurers for settlement of numerous tort claims. Since then, Kieran has also directed similar insurance recovery efforts on behalf of other religious organizations against their insurers.
- *Wyndham Resort Development Corporation et al. v. Swinerton Builders Northwest, Inc., et al.* Multimillion-dollar recovery in the largest construction-defect case in the history of the state. Case involved claims of negligence, breach of contract, and breach of warranty. Representation of The Resort at Seaside against a general contractor and some 28 additional subcontractors, architects, designers, vendors, and material suppliers. Case complexities included dealing with condominium association rights and complex insurance and coverage issues.
- Successful resolution of state court insurance coverage recovery action against multiple national and international insurers for a multinational manufacturer named as a potentially responsible party in the ongoing extensive Portland Harbor cleanup. As a part of that proceeding, obtained an antisuit injunction prohibiting insurers from continuing with a duplicative action brought by them in another state seeking a declaratory judgment of no coverage. Coverage was sought for the client under insurance policies of predecessor companies that had owned the client's current Portland facility within the Portland Harbor cleanup study area.

Recognition & Honors

- Named Co-CEO of the Year by *Portland Business Journal*
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer, 2013-2019
- Selected for inclusion in "Up & Coming Lawyers" by *Daily Journal of Commerce*