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PRACTICES

- Corporate and Securities
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois at Chicago
John Marshall Law School, J.D.,
1986
- University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, B.A., 1982

ADMISSIONS

- California
- Illinois

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association,
Member, Business Law
- California Bar Association,
Member

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner,
2014-Present
- McGuireWoods LLP Partner,
2000-2014

COMMUNITY

- Member, Vistage International
Peer Advisory Group
- Member, Society of Mayflower
Descendants in the State of
Illinois

Described by one client as a highly effective "legal quarterback," Kevin handles a wide range of transactional and governance matters for corporate clients and financial institutions.

He is an astute and practical business and legal advisor whom certain longtime clients have turned to for decades for assistance with the creation, purchase and sale of multiple businesses. Kevin views himself as an extension of a client's executive team, and provides the knowledge, speed, and accessibility needed by leaders of high-growth companies. As clients' needs evolve, Kevin connects them with other Thompson Coburn attorneys who can provide in-depth knowledge across a range of legal issues, from real estate to estate planning.

Said one longtime client, "I would go to Kevin with any question or concern and know that he would look at it through a lens of someone truly invested in our business."

Kevin negotiates and documents numerous transactions involving public and privately held companies, including:

- Acquisitions of the stock or assets of a diverse range of privately held companies;
- Acquisitions of U.S. operations by foreign and multinational companies;
- Acquisitions by and sales to "roll-up" enterprises;
- Leveraged management buyouts involving diverse businesses ranging from heavy industry, consumer products and business services to technology companies; and
- Representation of senior management in connection with initial public offerings and sales to publicly traded companies.

In addition to serving domestic clients, he represents businesses engaged in transactions throughout Europe and parts of the Middle East and Asia.

In the area of corporate finance, Kevin services clients on public offerings and private placements of debt and equity, as well as credit agreements with financial institutions. Additionally, Kevin advises a variety of domestic and international manufacturing, consulting, distribution, technology, and cannabis companies. This work includes the formation of business entities, finance, corporate restructuring, joint ventures and the handling of various

agreements and arrangements among the constituents. As part of his dispute resolution practice, he advises businesses with regard to corporate, shareholder, securities and other contested business matters.

While attending classes in the LLM program at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Kevin completed substantial coursework in securities and commodities futures management and regulation. In 2010, Kevin completed the Advanced Management Program at Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. He has frequently spoken as a guest lecturer on mergers and acquisitions and asset purchase agreements at DePaul University Law School.

Industries

- Information Technology
- Software
- Industrial Products
- Cannabis

Recognitions

- Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service
 - U.S. District Court and Federal Bar Association Chicago Chapter, 2017
- Martindale Hubbell
 - AV Peer Review Rated (Awarded to lawyers with the highest ethical standards and professional ability,) 2017

Experience

- **Mergers and acquisitions**

Merger of CloudCraze Software LLC with Salesforce.com, Inc.

Sale of Plano Molding Company, a leading supplier of outdoor sports storage systems, to the Ontario Teachers Pension Plan

Sale of A. Finkl & Sons Co. to a publicly traded European steel company

Sale of MPC Products to Woodward Governor, approximate value of \$400 million

Asset acquisition by CloudCraze Software LLC

Acquisitions for a specialty food company

Acquisitions of cannabis dispensary businesses

Asset acquisitions for diverse domestic and foreign buyers

Sale of controlling interest in Internet consulting services company

Sale of Inpro/Seal Company to Waukesha Bearings, a Dover Corporation affiliate

Representation of sellers and buyers in connection with numerous other

acquisitions of middle-market entities in diverse industries, including manufacturers, distributors, service providers and technology-based companies

- **Corporate finance and private equity**

Represented CloudCraze Software LLC in a \$20 million venture capital investment led by Insight Venture Partners

Advice as corporate counsel in connection with the limited public offering of Acquity Group Limited on the New York Stock Exchange

Advice on public offerings and private placements of debt and equity; credit agreements with financial institutions

- **Publications**

- Chapter co-author, "Sample Asset Purchase Agreement with Commentary" *Illinois Business Law Series, Volume IV Mergers and Acquisitions*, 2005 publication of *Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, and 2008 Supplement