Kevin C. Baltz

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Kevin Baltz provides counsel and tries cases in complex commercial and business litigation matters.

Kevin is an experienced business counselor and trial attorney. His comprehensive knowledge and strategic approach have made him a trusted advisor for complex commercial disputes in a variety of industries, including real estate, health care, manufacturing, construction, and finance. He has extensive experience handling condemnation and eminent domain matters, declaratory judgment actions, wrongful foreclosures, easement disputes, and the negotiation and litigation of leases and real property claims. Additionally, Kevin serves as counsel in class action disputes, product liability litigation, contract disputes, bad faith claims, and in trust and estate matters such as conservatorships, will contests, breach of fiduciary duty claims, and trust/estate litigation.

He has tried cases in state and federal courts, the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS), and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

Kevin is a Rule 31 Listed Mediator in the field of General Civil Litigation by the Tennessee Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission. The Tennessee Supreme Court has twice recognized Kevin as an "Attorney for Justice" based upon his dedication to pro bono service (2021 and 2023).

Representative Matters

- Defense counsel in a class action dispute under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- Achieved a defense verdict in a product liability jury trial involving a three-wheeled vehicle.
- Representing an automobile engine manufacturer in a consumer class action.
- Represents insurers in first-party extra-contractual and bad faith lawsuits.
- Prevailed before the Tennessee Supreme Court in a highly publicized case addressing Tennessee's motion for summary judgment standard and the unique concept of contract "novation."
- Defended bad faith claims arising from Hurricane Sandy in New York and New Jersey federal courts.
- Litigated and/or advised clients on numerous matters related to contractual obligations and defenses arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and significant weather events.
- Represented and advised numerous commercial clients on real property disputes, including quiet title actions, landlord-tenant disputes, construction disputes, and lien issues.
- Successfully vacated and voided an arbitration award.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – American Bar Association, (Fellow, 2024)
- Member – Tennessee Bar Association
- Member – Nashville Bar Association
- Member – DRI
- Past President – Belmont University College of Law American Inn of Court
- Fellow – Nashville Bar Foundation
- Hearing Committee for Disciplinary District V, Tennessee Supreme Court (2024)
- Attorney for Justice Pro Bono Honor Roll, Tennessee Supreme Court (2021, 2023)

- Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Mediator
- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (2012 – present)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation (2024 – 2027); Litigation – Real Estate (2024 – 2027); Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2027)

Education

- University of Tennessee College of Law, J.D., 2003, cum laude
  - Editor – *Tennessee Law Review*
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, B.S., 2000, cum laude

Admissions

- Tennessee, 2003
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Tennessee