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Kyle is a trusted advisor when clients are faced with complex problems. Representing clients from pre-litigation through appeals, Kyle handles cases across a wide range of industries including complex business and commercial litigation, equine law, insurance bad faith, product liability and personal injury defense.

Kyle has extensive litigation experience, having acted as first-chair trial counsel in federal court jury trials and served on trial teams in federal and state court jury and bench trials, as well as before administrative agencies and tribunals. He has also achieved successful results on behalf of his clients at the motion to dismiss and summary judgment stages in matters across Kentucky state and federal courts. Outside of the trial courts, he has represented clients in appellate proceedings before the Kentucky Supreme Court, Kentucky Court of Appeals and Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Additionally, he has mediated and arbitrated numerous cases to successful outcomes.

Kyle recognizes litigation is not “one-size fits all” and that each case and client is different. He prides himself on finding creative solutions inside and outside the courtroom, but importantly navigates clients to appreciate and manage risks that are involved at every stage of a dispute. Communication is key to Kyle. Whether it's picking up the phone to talk to clients and opposing counsel, or visiting clients to understand their businesses and operations, he understands the importance of listening and discussing issues to maximize results based on each client's needs.

Within the Firm, Kyle serves on Dinsmore's Professional Development, Engagement and Recruiting Committees and is a Leadership Academy Faculty Member, a program designed for new lawyers hired into the Firm. Outside the Firm, Kyle is deeply involved in the legal community and beyond. He is the Chair-Elect of the Kentucky Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, serves on the Kentucky Bar Association Publications Committee, is a member of the Board of Directors for Lawyers Mutual of Kentucky, the University of Kentucky College of Law Alumni Association and the Children's Law Center.

In his spare time, Kyle enjoys spending time with his wife, son and dog, traveling, tennis, running and reading.

Services

- Litigation

- Tort
- Equine Industry
- Insurance Industry
- Product Liability

Education

- University of Kentucky College of Law (J.D.)
 - CALI Award: Criminal Trial Process
 - CALI Award: Advanced Estate Planning
 - CALI Award: Legal Clinic
 - Student Bar Association President
- University of Louisville (M.A.)
 - Teaching
- Western Kentucky University (B.S., *magna cum laude*)
 - Chemistry

Bar Admissions

- Kentucky
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Affiliations/Memberships

- Kentucky Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Division, Chair- Elect
- Fayette County Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Section
- American Inns of Court, Central Kentucky Inn of Court
- University of Kentucky College of Law, Alumni Board of Directors, treasurer
- Children's Law Center, Board of Directors
- Seedleaf Inc., Board of Directors
- Lawyers Mutual Insurance of Kentucky, Board of Directors

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*®
 - "Ones to Watch" in Lexington in Commercial Litigation (2024)
- *Super Lawyers*®
 - Kentucky Super Lawyers® Rising Star for Business Litigation (2022-2025)
- Leadership Kentucky - ELEVATE Class 2020/2021
- Kentucky Young Lawyer's Division Executive Committee Member of the Year (2018 - 2019)
 - Outstanding District Representative (2020-2021)

Publications

June 2022

And They're Off! Snap Removal: "A Race to the Courthouse"

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March 1, 2022

Considerations for Product Liability Claims Simultaneously Brought Against Manufacturers and Dealers For the Defense

July 6, 2021

States' COVID-19 Immunity Statutes and Product Liability Claims Related to COVID-19

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April 2021

Understanding and Defending New Technologies

For the Defense - dri

September 8, 2020

COVID-19 Liability: Practical Guidance on Risk Management for Horse Shows and Competitions

March 26, 2020

Kentucky Executive Order 2020-257 Requires Non-Life Sustaining Business to Cease Operations

March 20, 2020

How Kentucky Secretary of State's COVID-19 Protocols May Affect Your Business

March 19, 2020

Tort-Focused Legal Considerations for Health Care Providers and Product Manufacturers in the COVID-19 Landscape

February 1, 2020

Understanding and Defending New Technologies

DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar

November 18, 2019

Emerging Concerns Regarding Silica Exposure in the Engineered Stone Industry