



John A. Kvinge

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John A. Kvinge is the co-chair of Larkin Hoffman's Business Litigation Department and represents clients facing complex legal matters, including contractual disputes; closely-held business buyout litigation; employment discrimination defense; medical and professional licensing board inquiries; administrative law; appeals before the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Minnesota Supreme Court; and trade secret, copyright and other intellectual property disputes. John delivers efficient and effective representation in the midst of challenging, multifaceted litigation.

Representative Experience

Closely-Held Business Disputes

- Business valuation and buyout litigation, including shareholder oppression and dissenter's rights proceedings.
- Help minority owners protect their rights or sell their shares when majority owners act unfairly or illegally.
- Assisting majority owners in disputes with minority owners, including responses to claims of waste, mismanagement, self-dealing, breach of fiduciary duty, and contractual or statutory buyout claims.
- Negotiation and drafting of agreements between business owners, such as shareholder/member control agreements, buy-sell agreements, and redemption agreements.

Appellate Advocacy

- Represented multiple clients in successful appeals before the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Minnesota Supreme Court.
- Preparation of Amicus Curiae briefs filed with Minnesota appellate courts.

General Business and Employment Litigation

- Represented clients in multiple trials from start to finish, including post-trial motions and appeals.
- Handle complex contract disputes between businesses.

Services

- Appellate Advice & Advocacy
- Competitive Practices/Unfair Competition
- Corporate & Transactions
- Employment and Labor Law
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Intellectual Property and Technology Litigation
- Litigation
- Privacy and Data Security
- Shareholder Disputes
- Employment and Labor Litigation
- Administrative and Regulatory Law
- Health Care
- Technology Commerce
- Business Litigation

- Defense and prosecution of unfair competition, theft of trade secrets, and breach of noncompete or duty of loyalty claims involving former employers and employees.
- Representation of employers and management in discrimination, retaliation, and wrongful termination lawsuits.
- Disputes involving contract service providers, contract manufacturing organizations, or their customers in a variety of industries, including gene therapy, medical devices, consumer electronics, medical practice management, and e-commerce.
- Represent health care providers in disputes with health insurers, HMOs, and government payors.
- Defense of complex personal injury and premises liability cases.

Professional Licensing and Insurance Credentialing

- Representation of doctors, dentists, nurses, social workers, and other licensed professionals in matters involving professional board disciplinary inquiries, and appeals of denials or termination of insurance network participation.

Administrative Law

- Representation of clients in contested cases before the Minnesota Court of Administrative Hearings (formerly known as the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings) involving action by state agencies such as the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Intellectual Property

- Defense of claims before Trademark Trial and Appeals Board and Copyright Claims Board.

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., magna cum laude)
 - Lead Managing Editor, Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology
 - Student Managing Editor, Constitutional Commentary
- Iowa State University (B.A., summa cum laude)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar/Court Admissions

- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Recognition

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Rising Star®, Super Lawyers magazine, 2019 - present

