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FIRM PROFILE

Kennedy & Kish is a liability defense litigation law firm founded by attorneys with decades of large firm and in-house counsel experience. Our practice is highly specialized in insurance litigation, and the members of our firm have longstanding relationships with national and domestic insurance industry clients. Our practice is guided by a philosophy of providing proactive, exceptional legal representation in a quick and cost effective manner.

Our firm's attorneys continually achieve winning results defending corporations and individuals, both self-insureds and through insurance carriers, in product and premises liability, personal injury, property damage, wrongful death, insurance coverage and consumer protection actions. We have experience interpreting and defending clients pursuant to a broad spectrum of insurance policies, including comprehensive general liability, special multi-peril, commercial excess and general liability.

Kennedy & Kish has represented individuals, insurance companies and businesses before state and federal trial courts, appellate courts and administrative agencies. Our attorneys have established expertise in handling appeals at all levels of state and federal courts, as well as alternative dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration and summary trials.

Kennedy & Kish is committed to understanding the individual business needs of our clients to ensure that the litigation is successful in every aspect. Aggressively achieving positive results through the highest level of ethical standards is the firm's first priority, and we do so by continually developing cooperative, long-lasting relationships with our clients.

ATTORNEYS

Steven C. Kennedy **Founding Partner**

Bar Admissions:

Massachusetts and New Hampshire

Practice:

Commercial and Business Litigation, Insurance Law, Personal Injury Defense

Experience:

Prior to forming Kennedy & Kish, Mr. Kennedy was Senior Trial Attorney with *CNA Insurance Company* handling complex commercial litigation including product liability, wrongful death, breach of contract, construction defect, subrogation, property damage and general liability cases. He has successfully tried hundreds of cases resulting in savings to clients in excess of 10 million dollars. While at CNA, Mr. Kennedy was designated to handle matters for the Major Claims Unit including fatality and head injury cases. Mr. Kennedy also served for several years as house counsel for *Metropolitan Property & Casualty*.

Mr. Kennedy is an Adjunct Professor at Clark University teaching trial advocacy and other courses. He is the coach of the award winning mock trial team that advanced to the national championship tournament as featured in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and Clark News.

Representative Results:

- Defense verdict representing commercial trucking company with demand of \$1,000,000 and claim of permanent disability. M.G.L. c. 93A and M.G.L. c. 176D claims against insurance company precluded due to verdict;
- Defense verdict in Superior Court jury trial representing building contractor defended under a Reservation of Rights in a construction defect case.
- Original settlement offer accepted during jury trial after cross-examination of plaintiff in product liability case involving claim of defective sports equipment;
- Motion for Directed Verdict granted in Superior Court jury trial in premises liability case;
- Defense verdict in jury trial alleging civil rights violations and intentional torts;
- Selected to represent the Boston staff counsel of commercial insurance company at NITA national trial training program in Denver, Colorado;
- Managing attorney for fatality cases, including death of a minor bicyclist.

Education:

J.D., *New England School of Law*, 1992
B.A., *Clark University*, 1988

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Jessica H. Kish **Founding Partner**

Bar Admissions:

Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania

Practice:

Insurance Coverage, Consumer Protection, Appeals, Personal and Business Litigation

Experience:

During her fifteen years of practice, Ms. Kish has drafted and argued appeals on various issues including insurance coverage, M.G.L. c.93A disputes, construction claims and trial procedure. She has advised nationwide insurance companies on all aspects of insurance coverage involving comprehensive general liability, special multi-peril, commercial excess and general liability policies. She has acted as lead counsel on coverage issues for the past several years. Her successes include being granted Further Appellate Review on an insurance coverage issue regarding a sexual assault on a minor school child, and blocking an appeal on an underinsurance issue involving a company-owned vehicle.

Before forming Kennedy & Kish, Ms. Kish gained large firm experience working at *Burns & Levinson* in Boston and *Reid & Reige* in Hartford and has acted as department head for litigation in smaller firms. Ms. Kish has successfully litigated cases for both plaintiffs and defendants in federal and state trial courts and appellate courts in a wide variety of commercial and civil litigation, including: construction contract disputes, age discrimination, professional and architectural malpractice, employee contract issues, unfair competition and/or trade practices, products liability and other tort actions.

Ms. Kish is also a published author of legal articles and instructional manuals on the writing process. Before her law career, she worked as a freelance writer and as a technical writer for *IBM Corporation*.

Representative Results:

- Tried and obtained defense verdict in case involving violations of M.G.L. c.93A;
- Drafted and successfully argued Motion For Summary Judgment based on lack of attorney-client relationship in a multi-million dollar attorney malpractice case;
- Obtained dismissal of asbestos suit; participate in Massachusetts asbestos pleural registry;
- Obtained dismissal of discrimination suit against insurance company filed by its agent;
- Granted summary judgment in wrongful termination suit against a construction company.

Education:

J.D., *Syracuse University College of Law*, 1990

Dean's List, 1989, 1990

Managing Editor, *Syracuse University Journal of Law and Commerce*

B.A., *North Carolina State University*, 1987

Cum Laude, Scholar of the College