



Kip Reader

Of Counsel

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Highly skilled in business litigation and insurance coverage litigation, Kip has extensive experience in contract and transactional disputes, professional liability, employment disputes, and business issues. His business litigation practice also includes trade secrets/unfair competition and real estate disputes.

Education

- Brown University (B.A., 1971)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., 1974)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association (*Fellow; Chair, Trial Tort & Insurance Practice Section, 1998-1999; Chair, Property Insurance Law Committee, 1987-1988; Chair, National Institutes, 1991-1993; Member of Governing Council, 1993-1996; Chair, ABA's Committee on Gun Violence, 2005-2008, Member 1993-1996; Member, Litigation and Law Firm Management Sections*)
- American Bar Foundation (*Fellow*)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (*Fellow; Chair, Unauthorized Practice of Law, 1993-1994*)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (*Fellow; Board of Trustees*)

Practices & Industries

- Complex Business Litigation

- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators (NSPII) (*Former Member of the Board of Directors and President, 1989-1990*)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Case Western Reserve Law School, Society of Benchers (*Chair, 2008-2009*)

Community Involvement

- Cleveland Playhouse (*Board of Directors, 2010-2017*)
- 2016 Republican National Convention, Cleveland (*Cleveland Host Committee, Member*)
- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (*Corporate Chair, Cleveland Benefit, 2015*)
- Leadership Cleveland (*Class of 2008*)
- North Coast Community Homes (*Chair, Board of Trustees, 2003-05; Member of the Board, 1998-present*)
- American Red Cross, Cleveland Chapter (*Member, Board of Trustees; Member, Executive Committee, 2003-2012; Chair, International Relations Committee 2006-2012*)
- Business Volunteers Unlimited (*Member, Board of Trustees, 2003-2015*)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (*Member, Dean's Advisory Committee, 2005-present; Society of Benchers, Chair 2009-2010; Member, Visiting Committee, 1997-2004; Co-Chair, Annual Fund Campaigns, 2005-2007*)
- Cuyahoga County Grand Jury (*Foreman, 2004*)
- University Circle United Methodist Church (*Chairman, Administrative Board, 1988-1991; Lay Leader 2007-2008 and various other positions*)
- Special Assistant to U.S. Senator Howard Metzenbaum (*1989*)

Awards & Honors

- Recipient of the Case Western Reserve University School of Law 2017 Centennial Medal Award
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated – Martindale-Hubbell
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2007-2020)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation; Insurance Law (2007-2021)
- Designated *Best Lawyers* Insurance “Lawyer of the Year” in Cleveland (2011)

Experience

- Extensive experience in contract and transactional disputes, professional liability, ERISA litigation, employment disputes, and business issues.
- Extensive experience in handling third-party coverage and defense and first-party insurance claims, including arson, fraud, business interruption, bad faith, and coverage disputes throughout Ohio and other jurisdictions.
- Extensive experience in appellate courts (more than 125 reported and unreported decisions).