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Kyle represents clients in complex commercial litigation, employment cases, and business disputes. He handles all phases of litigation, including drafting and arguing motions, conducting and defending depositions, and communicating with clients on case developments.

Before joining UBG, Kyle practiced at an AmLaw 100 firm and an Ohio-based regional firm, where he handled defense-oriented litigation across a range of matters, including employment discrimination, general liability, professional liability, and medical malpractice claims. His experience includes motion practice, briefing and appeals, conducting and defending depositions, participating in hearings, managing cases through discovery and dispositive stages, first-chairing mediations, first-chairing an arbitration in the American Arbitration Association, and first-chairing a preliminary injunction hearing.

Kyle graduated *summa cum laude* from The University of Akron School of Law and finished in the top 15% of his class. While in law school, he served as Production Editor and Assistant Editor of the *Akron Law Review* and was a member of the Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society.

Kyle spends his free time reading, watching films, and seeing musicals at Playhouse Square.

Education

- The University of Akron (B.A., *cum laude*, 2017)
- The University of Akron School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2022)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- West Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia

Practices & Industries

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Complex Business Litigation
- Employment & Labor Litigation

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Ohio State Bar Association
- The West Virginia Bar Association
- Stark County Bar Association
- Akron Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- Named to *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®, Commercial Litigation, Workers' Compensation Law – Employers (2024-2026); Litigation – Construction (2026; 2027)
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award® in LARW II (2018), Constitutional Law: Individual Rights (2019), Constitutional Law: Government Authority (2019), UCC Sales (2021)

Experience

- Obtained summary judgment for a regional mall in a premises liability case.
- Prevailed on appeal in defense of medical malpractice claims before the Ohio Seventh District Court of Appeals, *Bell v. Ohio Living Communities*, 2026-Ohio-848 (7th Dist.).
- First-chaired mediation in defense of a runway overrun, securing a favorable resolution for an airline broker.
- First-chaired mediation in defense of a significant injury, securing a favorable resolution for a major concrete pumping company.
- First-chaired mediation in defense of a timber theft/breach of contract case, obtaining a favorable conclusion for a logging company.
- Obtained a favorable workers' compensation fraud judgment on behalf of a major garage door company.
- Handled numerous foreclosure matters to successful conclusion for a large land company.