

Kevin M. Downey

Partner

Kevin Downey practices in the areas of complex criminal and civil litigation. He continues Williams & Connolly's tradition of representing entities and individuals who face challenging, high profile cases, charges or investigations. He has represented several Fortune 100 companies and some of the nation's largest law firms. He has also represented dozens of corporate executives, including the current and former CEOs of several Fortune 25 companies, and many current and former government officials, including Cabinet members. Kevin has served as lead counsel and tried cases in federal and state courts and agencies across the country, as well as matters in arbitration. In addition to his work in court matters, Kevin represents clients who are subject to investigation by committees of both Houses of the United States Congress.

Kevin has been consistently recognized for many years for excellence in the practice of law by *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America*, *Legal 500*, *Benchmark Litigation*, *Super Lawyers*, and *Washingtonian Magazine*.

Kevin grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Dartmouth College in 1988 where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School, where he served as an Editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. After a clerkship for Judge Edward R. Becker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Kevin joined Williams & Connolly in 1992 and has been a partner since 2000. He currently serves as a member of the Firm's Executive Committee.

He is a past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter High School. He is also a member of the District of Columbia's Federal City Council and Economic Club. He has taught as adjunct law professor at both Georgetown University Law Center and George Washington University Law School.

Kevin lives in the District of Columbia with his wife, Michele Jolin, and their three children.

Representative Experience

Though all cases vary and none is predictive, Kevin's experience includes:

- Lead counsel for former CEO of biotech company in indicted fraud case pending in the Northern District of California.
- Lead counsel for the former Chairman and CEO of a Fortune 25



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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., magna cum laude, 1991: Editor, *Harvard Law Review*

Dartmouth College, A.B., magna cum laude, 1988: Phi Beta Kappa

Practice Focus

Criminal Defense and Government Investigations

Congressional Investigations

Civil Litigation and Trial Practice

Commercial Litigation

Economic Sanctions

Recognitions

"Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America," *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021

"Local Litigation Star," *Benchmark Litigation*, 2015-2021

"Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (DC)," and "Securities (DC)," *Chambers USA*, 2010-2020

"Leading Lawyer," in the category of

company against securities fraud claims. After extensive hearings over several years, the Court awarded summary judgment in the executive's favor on all counts.

- Lead trial counsel for former Fortune 25 CEO at trial, leading to resolution of claims.
- Represented CEO of technology company in indicted securities fraud matter in which the government ultimately voluntarily dismissed all charges.
- Lead counsel for investment bank in matter involving alleged securities fraud.
- Lead counsel for AmLaw 10 law firm involving claim of alleged malpractice.
- Lead counsel for former CEO of a Fortune 25 retail business in investigations concerning the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.
- Lead counsel for real estate developer in matters related to public corruption.
- Lead counsel for Chief Financial Officer of an energy company in SEC matter related to accounting restatement.
- Lead counsel for Fortune 50 energy company on certain matters in MDL.

Resources

Publications

- *Prisoners of Foreign Policy: An Argument for Ideological Neutrality in Asylum*, 1991
- *Holmes: A Legend in Search of Demystification*, 1990

Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, *Legal 500*, 2020

"Next Generation Lawyer," in the category of Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense, *Legal 500*, 2018-2019

"Washington's Best Lawyers" in the category of Criminal Defense, White Collar, *Washingtonian* magazine, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015, 2017-2020

Recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2011-2021

"Securities Litigation (Nationwide)," *Chambers USA*, 2013-2017

"Bet-the-Company Litigation Lawyer of the Year for Washington, D.C.," *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2017

"Future Star," *Benchmark Litigation* 2012-2014

"Criminal Defense: White-Collar Lawyer of the Year for Washington, D.C.," *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2014

Admissions

District of Columbia

Pennsylvania

United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and Eleventh Circuits

United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and the Middle District of Pennsylvania