



Kent Wellington

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EDUCATION

Kenyon College, B.A., magna cum laude,
English & Economics, 1988 - Phi Beta Kappa
- College Football Hall of Fame Post-
Graduate Scholarship

LAW SCHOOL

The Ohio State University College of Law,
J.D., 1991 - Law Journal - National Moot Court
Team

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Ohio
U.S. Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court - Southern District of Ohio
U.S. District Court - Northern District of Ohio

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appeals
Business Litigation
Craft Breweries & Distilleries
Education
Employment
Employment and ERISA Litigation
Fundraising
Hospitality
Labor
Labor & Employment
Litigation
Media & Marketing
Non-Profit
Start-Ups
Trust & Estate Litigation
Workplace Health & Safety

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Karen Wellington Foundation for LIVING with
Breast Cancer
Cincinnati Youth Collaborative
Saturday Hoops
Leadership Cincinnati - Class 39

Kent has a diverse practice with an emphasis in litigation and labor/employment law, and advising start-ups, having run his own family foundation for the past 12 years. Kent has tried cases to favorable jury verdicts in all the local state and federal courts, but prides himself on avoiding litigation and getting cases resolved quickly and cost effectively. Kent is the past chair of the Firm's Litigation Group and serves on the firm's Executive Committee.

Professionally, he is most proud of the strong client relationships and client friendships he has developed over the years. Kent was described by the GM/CEO of one large publically traded client as follows: "What has always impressed me about Kent is his emotional intelligence. He exudes a great deal of confidence and he is aggressive in his pursuit of any issue, yet he is compassionate and caring in the process. He is able to make all kinds of people feel very comfortable around him." Based on client comments like this and the grading and comments of his peers, Kent is recognized with an AV Rating, the highest rating given to lawyers by Martindale-Hubbell.

Since 2005, Kent has been recognized every year as a "Super Lawyer" (or "Rising Star"). Only 2.5 percent of Ohio lawyers receive this honor. In 2004, the Cincinnati "Business Courier" named Kent (along with his late wife, Karen) two of Cincinnati's top "Forty under 40." Kent also has received awards from the American (1997), Ohio (2000) and Cincinnati (2008) Bar Associations, The Ohio State University College of Law (2001), the Cincinnati Society (2002), the Cincinnati Park Board (2015).

Kent has two primary passions outside of work: mentoring vulnerable kids (for the past 28 years) and putting some FUN on the calendars of families LIVING with cancer (for the past 12 years). The leader of our Graydon on Main Office, Kent also spends a significant amount of time in our downtown OTR neighborhood through Saturday Hoops, Dribblethon, CYC mentoring, and other not-for-profit, entrepreneurial, and faith-based groups. On September 26, 2006, President George W. Bush presented Kent with the President's Volunteer Service Award. Kent also received leadership and advocacy awards in 2004 from both The Arc-Hamilton County (MR/DD) and W.E.B. DuBois Academy (OTR), from

University Hospital - Cancer Survivorship
Committee
American Cancer Society - Real Men Wear
Pink
Greater Cincinnati Foundation

AFFILIATIONS

Cincinnati Bar Association; Board of Trustees
(1996-1998 - 2000-2004) - Executive
Committee (1998); Community Service
Board Committee (1996-2004) - Chair
(1999-2004); Young Lawyers' Section -
Board of Directors (1993-99) - Chair
(1997-98) - Founder/Chair Mentoring
Committee (1998)
Ohio State Bar Foundation - Fellow
Cincinnati Bar Foundation (2005-present)

St. Aloysius Orphanage (in 2011), the "Linda K. Heines Award of
Inspiration and Hope" (with his two children) from the Breast
Cancer Alliance in 2013, and the "Clement L. Buenger Award for
Leadership" from the United Way in 2018. Kent is also a graduate
of the United Way BOLD program, the Cincinnati Academy of
Leadership for Lawyers ("CALL), and Leadership Cincinnati (Class
39).

Kent resides in Mt. Lookout and his son Robby (24) and daughter
Angeline (22) live nearby. Kent also enjoys biking, running,
swimming and coaching basketball. He has competed in triathlons
since the early 1990's, including three Escape from Alcatraz
triathlons and several 1/2 Ironman's.