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Practice Areas

- Arbitration
- Automobile Accident Defense
- Commercial Lines (Premises Liability)
- Contract Disputes
- Coverage Litigation
- Dram Shop Litigation
- Elevator Liability
- Employment Practices Liability
- Excess Liability Claims
- Fraud Defense/EUO
- Insurance Agent (E&O)
- Legal Malpractice (E&O)
- Mediation
- Municipal Liability Defense
- Municipal Representation and Counsel
- Personal Lines (Premises Liability)
- PIP
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate Closings
- Real Estate (E&O)
- Transportation Defense
- Trusts, Wills, and Estates
- UM/UIM
- Wrongful Death Defense

Kevin J. Plagens has broad trial experience in a variety of insurance defense matters, including automobile negligence, automobile no-fault, construction, real estate, retail and restaurant, product liability, landlord tenant, home insurance, premises liability, professional liability such as errors and omissions and legal malpractice, motor carrier transportation, transactional law, and insurance coverage. He also has experience handling employment law for a variety of clients, including municipalities and their affiliate departments.

Kevin has never lost an appellate argument in the Michigan Court of Appeals. Less than one year after he began practicing law, he was admitted to the United States Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit, where he successfully presented, and argued an appeal before the panel of justices.

Kevin is a highly dedicated transportation attorney and supervises the Kopka Pinkus Dolin rapid response team for the Michigan office. He regularly handles a large volume of transportation cases and represents many national fleets. Kevin often speaks on Michigan PIP transportation, as well as the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Act.

He is regularly requested to be a guest lecturer at seminars on issues involving Michigan third party automobile negligence law, no-fault personal injury protection benefit, errors and omissions, professional liability, premises liability, and landlord-tenant issues. He regularly attends local and chapter meetings of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASH) and National Society of Home Inspectors (NAHI) and provides members with updates on Michigan law.

Memberships

- Insurance Institute of Michigan
- Michigan Trucking Association
- State Bar of Michigan
 - State Bar of Michigan Negligence Law Section
 - State Bar of Michigan Real Property Law Section
- State of Michigan Board of Real Estate Brokers and Sales Persons. Appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm Term 03/26/2009 through 06/30/2012
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)

Trial and Case Highlights

- Kevin recently handled a case wherein the insured was intoxicated when she rear-ended the plaintiff's vehicle. Kevin admitted liability but the court refused to keep from the jury the details of the insured's intoxication. This case was valued at \$80,000 at case evaluation. The plaintiffs sought \$200,000. The jury awarded one plaintiff nothing and the other plaintiff \$6,500.

Admissions

- Michigan
- Oakland County Mediator/Case Evaluator
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- Wayne County Mediator/Case Evaluator

Education

- Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan, J.D.
- Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, B.A.