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Evan R. Kime is Counsel in the Insurance industry group and Commercial Litigation practice group, focusing primarily on insurance coverage issues, insurance "bad faith", labor and employment, class action and complex litigation, and products liability litigation. He practices out the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

Evan handles a wide range of litigation matters, for both large and small businesses, including insurance "bad faith" defense, mass and toxic torts, products liability, deliberate intent, and employer liability. As a former Unix Systems Administrator, Evan also has a deep background in technology and is a frequent lecturer and commentator on issues related to the intersection of law and technology.

Evan takes pride in helping clients find creative solutions to legal problems. He's always looking for new ways to help them understand and navigate legal issues, as well as resolve conflict. Sometimes that process requires a patient collaborator, and sometimes it requires a tenacious adversary. For Evan, communication and judgment are the keys.

To unwind outside of work, Evan enjoys running (as much as one can) and swimming. Evan also enjoys brewing his own beer, and happily serves as his own taste-tester.

Awards

- West Virginia *Super Lawyers Rising Stars* for Business Litigation Law (2014-2016)

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2016-Present)
- Bowles Rice LLP (1999)
- The Honorable Joseph R. Goodwin, U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia, Judicial Extern (2005)
- Lockheed Martin Information Systems, Systems Administrator and Engineer (2000-2003)

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate
- Litigation

Industries

- Insurance

Education

- University of Virginia - Trial School (2011)
- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2006)
- Alderson Broaddus University (B.S. in Computer Science, 1999) cum laude

Admissions

- West Virginia (2006)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia (2008)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2006)
- Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia (2006)

Professional Organizations

- West Virginia State Bar, Board of Governors, Member
- Chairperson, West Virginia State Bar Legal Outreach Committee
- Member, West Virginia State Bar Grievance Committee, District 8
- Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence, President, 2017
- Defense Research Institute
- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia
- West Virginia Bar Association
- Kanawha County Bar Association

Speaking Engagements & Publications

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- Speaker, "Outside the Box: How the 'Internet of Things' Poses New Cyber-Security Risks and Challenges the Law," Secure WV "Hack3rthon 9" Seminar, Charleston, West Virginia (Nov. 30, 2018)
- Speaker, "Outside the Box: How the 'Internet of Things' Poses New Cyber-Security Risks and Challenges the Law," Marshall University's Secure WV "Hack3rthon 9" Seminar, Huntington, West Virginia (Nov. 4, 2018)
- Speaker, "Outside the Box: How the Internet of Things Poses New Risks to Hospitals and Other Businesses and Challenges the Law," WVCLE Summer School (June 2, 2018)
- Co-Speaker, "Gathering and Sharing Data on EVERYTHING: What kind of world are we building with the 'Internet of Things?'" Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence (AIDE) Conference (2017)
- Frequent CLE presenter on topics of Ethics and Evidence, updates to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Electronic Discovery

Writings and Publications

- Author, "The Trouble with Metadata in Litigation Discovery," The DTCWV Defender (2022)
- Author, "WV Supreme Court Holds That Statutes Abrogating the Malice Exception' in Employment Litigation and Capping Punitive Damages Apply Immediately," Jackson Kelly Labor and Employment Personnel File (2017)
- Author, "Social Engineering and the Modern Hacker," Views and Visions (2015)
- Co-Author, West Virginia Section of Defense Research Institute's State by State Insurance Bad Faith Law Compendium (2015)
- Author, "Electronic Discovery," The West Virginia Lawyer (2014)
- Author, "West Virginia High Court Addresses Electronically Stored Information in CashCall v. Morrissey," Electronic Discovery Alert (2014)

- Author, "West Virginia Supreme Court Finds that Coverage Opinions are Seminars Materials Prepared by Outside Counsel are Protected by Attorney Client Privilege," Litigation Alert (2014)
- Co-Author, "Master Your First Meet and Confer Under the New Federal Rules on E-Discovery," The Communique/West Virginia Bar Association (2006)