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Kevin is a trial attorney with an appellate practitioner's eye. He learned his way around the courtroom and grew accustomed to fighting uphill battles for his clients while working as a public defender for four years in state courts in Washington. He is an empathetic advisor and a zealous advocate, and he has helped clients from a wide variety of backgrounds obtain favorable outcomes in difficult circumstances. Notably, Kevin has significant experience representing children and individuals with disabilities, and he understands that a client's sense of justice stems not only from the outcome of a case, but also from being treated with dignity and respect throughout the case.

Kevin previously served as a law clerk for Justice Rives Kistler at the Oregon Supreme Court and for Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud at the Washington Supreme Court. As a law clerk, he made recommendations to the court and helped draft the court's decisions in cases involving complex issues of state and federal law. Kevin brings the insight that he gained while clerking at the Pacific Northwest's highest courts to his day-to-day work on litigation matters at Stoll Berne.

Before attending law school, Kevin was the Deputy Director of Communications for the Office of Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander. In that role, he helped develop media strategy and interacted with reporters on behalf of the office. For example, he issued press releases, drafted talking points, and responded to reporters' questions about the office's many responsibilities, including securities regulation and enforcement, ballot initiatives, and election administration. Kevin also contributed to the office's efforts to enact ethics reform laws and expand voting access for all eligible voters.

Kevin earned his bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University. He earned his law degree *magna cum laude* from Washington University in St. Louis. He also holds a Certificate in Public Management from the University of Missouri's Truman School of Public Affairs.

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2017
Recipient of the Jack Garden Humanitarian Award

University of Missouri – Truman School of Public Affairs, Certificate in Public Management, 2014

Georgetown University, A.B., *magna cum laude*, 2012

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Oregon State Bar, 2017

Washington State Bar, 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stoll Berne

Associate, 2023-present

Whatcom County Public Defender's Office, Bellingham, WA
Public Defender, 2022-2023

Yakima County Department of Assigned Counsel, Yakima, WA
Public Defender, 2019-2022

Washington Supreme Court

Law Clerk for Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, 2018-2019

Oregon Supreme Court

Law Clerk for Justice Rives Kistler, 2017-2018

Miller Nash

Summer Associate, 2015 & 2016

Office of Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander, Jefferson City, MO
Deputy Director of Communications, 2013-2014

Kander for Missouri, Kansas City, MO
Field Organizer, 2012

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Member

Washington State Bar

Judicial Recommendation Committee, 2022-present
Council on Public Defense, 2022-present

PERSONAL

Kevin loves exploring Portland's neighborhoods and seeing the city as a pedestrian.

AWARDS

Washington University in St. Louis
Jack Garden Humanitarian Award, 2017