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Background

Michael P. Kaelin is a Principal and Chairman of Cummings & Lockwood's Fiduciary and Probate Litigation Group. He also is a Principal in Cummings & Lockwood's Litigation Group, and Family Office and Closely Held Business Group, and represents clients in both Connecticut and Florida.

Mike represents individuals, fiduciaries and businesses in probate, trusts and estates, conservatorship, guardianship, investment, employment and commercial disputes, including will contests, fiduciary removal proceedings, contested accountings, fee disputes, construction proceedings, undue influence actions, and commitment proceedings in trial and appellate courts in Connecticut and Florida.

Practice Areas

- Litigation Group
- Trusts and Estates Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Closely-Held Business Litigation
- Tax Controversy and Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Family Office and Closely Held Business Group
- Fiduciary and Probate Litigation Group - Chairman, Fiduciary and Probate Litigation Group
- Trusts and Estates Litigation

Education

- Duke University School of Law (J.D., 1984)
- Duke University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1981)

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- Florida
- New York
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut



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- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

Professional Organizations

- Connecticut Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- New York City Bar Association
- Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court LIV, West Palm Beach, FL

Professional Recognition

- The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Fellow
- ACTEC Fiduciary Litigation Committee, Member
- Chambers and Partners, High Net Worth Guide, Notable Practitioner
- The Best Lawyers in America
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rated
- Connecticut and New England Super Lawyers

Articles/Publications/Presentations

- Anatomy of a Will Contest
- Probate Jurisdiction and Procedure in Connecticut, 3d Edition, co-author, Thomson Reuters
- Probate Litigation in Connecticut, 3d Edition, co-author, Thomson Reuters

Matters

- Salce v. Cardello, 348 Conn. 90, 301 A.3d 1031 (2023)
- Hynes v. Jones, 331 Conn. 385, 204 A.3d 1128 (2019)
- DeNunzio v. DeNunzio, 320 Conn. 178, 128 A.3d 901 (2016)
- Dinan v. Patten, 317 Conn. 185, 116 A.3d 275 (2015)