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OVERVIEW

Adam Kelson is a partner and focuses his practice on business and corporate counseling and transactional matters, including transactions involving equity and debt financing, venture capital, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, technology licensing, and commercial matters.

Adam represents numerous types of parties in transactions, including founders, emerging growth companies, private equity sponsors, financial institutions, and multinational corporations in a wide variety of commercial, corporate, strategic, and financial matters, including the acquisitions and sales of businesses and complex financing transactions. He also acts as outside general counsel for several emerging growth and private equity portfolio companies.

His experience spans a variety of industries with a focus on technology, including fintech, EdTech, PropTech, AI, cloud, internet, e-commerce, advertising, marketing, and Mobility/AV.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Kelson was a partner at a national law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law, 2021-2025

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Board of Directors

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2002

- B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1998

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [“Trends, challenges and opportunities in Pittsburgh's startup market,”](#) April 2023

NEWS & EVENTS

- 31 July 2025, K&L Gates Announces New Practice Leaders Across Global Platform
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 29 October 2019, K&L Gates Advises Confluence Technologies, Inc., on Acquisition of StatPro Group plc
- 23 January 2018, K&L Gates Welcomes Returning Pittsburgh Lawyer as Emerging Growth and Venture Capital Partner

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRIES

- Advertising and Marketing
- Consumer Goods and Services
- General Manufacturing
- Higher Education Institutions
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing

- Technology

EMERGING ISSUES

- Artificial Intelligence