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ABOUT

Kevin Place is a Partner at Mokri Vanis & Jones' Los Angeles office, where he handles a complex defense practice. Kevin has in excess of 25 jury trials, and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Throughout his career, Kevin has practiced exclusively as a defense attorney, specializing in wrongful death, vehicle accidents, construction accidents, premises liability, toxic torts, habitability claims, unfair business practices, and products liability. Kevin's first six years of practice were spent as a trial attorney with Nationwide Insurance Company's Trial Division. He was also a managing attorney for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company's staff counsel.

Kevin's singular focus during his law career has been to provide the best defense to the individual and business clients he represents. In 2017, Kevin obtained a defense verdict on behalf of his client staffing agency in a toxic tort case. Plaintiff sought \$23 million in damages, claiming he was born with birth defects after mother was exposed to pesticides while pregnant. The Daily Journal selected this case as a top ten defense verdict of the year.

Kevin's jury trial experience also includes obtaining a defense verdict in a products liability case where plaintiff sought \$36 million in damages for causing complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), a defense verdict on behalf of an Orange County engineering firm in a wrongful termination case, a defense verdict on behalf of a stucco manufacturer in an asbestos exposure case, and defense verdicts on behalf of Denny's and Smart & Final in premises liability cases.

Before practicing law, Kevin played one year of football at the U.S. Air Force Academy before returning to Southern California to work at the Orange County Probation Department and Disneyland.

EDUCATION

Western State University College of Law, Fullerton, CA
Juris Doctor, Emphasis Program in Taxation, 1993

University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA
Bachelor of Arts in Social Ecology with Emphasis in Criminal Justice, 1988

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