



## Adam F. Kelson

### Partner

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## OVERVIEW

Mr. Kelson, a partner in the firm's Pittsburgh office, 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.

Mr. Kelson represents businesses and entrepreneurs in numerous commercial, corporate, strategic and financial matters, including the acquisition and sale of businesses and complex financing transactions. Mr. Kelson counsels entrepreneurs and emerging growth companies throughout the growth cycles of their businesses, including formation and start-up, corporate and business counseling, capital raising transactions, commercial relationships, and their ultimate exit. His experience spans a variety of industries, from core manufacturing to high-tech, including fintech, EdTech, PropTech, AI, cloud, internet, e-commerce, advertising, marketing, and Mobility/AV.

In addition, Mr. Kelson represents investment managers in the structuring and formation of onshore and offshore private investment funds and structured financial products.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

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

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, (2012-present)
- Recognized by the *Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law (2021)

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Board of Directors
- Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

- Member, Board of the Pittsburgh Venture Capital Association

## 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

- 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

## INDUSTRIES

- Advertising and Marketing
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cloud, Internet, and E-Commerce
- Consumer Products
- General Manufacturing

- Manufacturing
- Proptech
- Technology