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— BIOGRAPHY

Kevin A. Crass is a partner in the Litigation Practice Group at Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP in Little Rock, Arkansas. He focuses his practice on significant, complex business litigation in federal and state courts including the defense of claims involving class actions, securities fraud, ERISA, business torts, trade secrets, patent and trademark infringement, product liability, environmental and toxic torts and breach of contract, among others. Kevin has extensive experience in handling the defense of national and state class actions in state and federal courts. Kevin also provides clients with representation before governmental bodies and counsels them in regulatory matters. Kevin has served as personal counsel to several of the State's constitutional officers and has represented former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee since 1997.

He currently serves on the Board of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar Association. He previously served on the Federal Practice Committee for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, having been appointed by the judges in that district. He also currently serves on the Board of Visitors of the UA Little Rock, Chair of the War Memorial Stadium Commission and immediate past Chairman of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce.

— EDUCATION

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law, J.D., 1984
- Ouachita Baptist University, B.A., with honors, 1981

— NOTEWORTHY

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, since 2006
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Securities
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Named "Lawyer of the Year" in *The Best Lawyers in America*
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2022
 - Litigation – Securities, Little Rock, 2013, 2017, 2019 & 2021
- Named Local Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation, since 2009

Litigation News

October 25, 2023

Kevin A. Crass Honored with Distinguished Alumnus Award

November 17, 2022

Certified Mediator with the Arkansas Supreme Court

November 10, 2022

Friday Firm ranked in the 2023 U.S. News – Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms"

October 24, 2022

Honored for Outstanding Pro Bono Service

Practice Areas

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- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Litigation: General Commercial
- Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale–Hubbell
- Recognized as one of the Arkansas 250: Most Influential Leaders, *Arkansas Business*, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Selected to the *Mid-South Super Lawyers* List, since 2006
 - Top 50: Arkansas, since 2008
- Served as an Arkansas Supreme Court Special Justice, 1997 and 2004

— ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- American, Arkansas and Pulaski County Bar Associations
- Arkansas War Memorial Stadium Commission, appointed by Governor Huckabee and appointed Chair by Governor Mike Beebe
- Arkansas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Arkansas Bar Outstanding Lawyer Citizen, 2010
- DRI (formerly Defense Research Institute), State Liaison to Business Litigation Committee
- Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar Association, Board Member
- Federal Practice Committee for United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas 2009–2010
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, Chairman
- President's Advisory Committee on the Arts to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, appointed by President Bush (2001–2009)
- University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Foundation Fund Board, Chair 2012–2014
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock Board of Visitors
- Boys and Girls Club of Central Arkansas, former Board Member and President, 2005–2006
- First Tee of Central Arkansas, former Board Member

— ADMISSIONS

- Arkansas, 1984
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

— RECOGNITION

