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Practice Areas

- Asbestos Litigation
- Catastrophic Personal Injury
- Complex Civil & Business Litigation
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- National and Regional Coordinating Counsel
- PFAS
- Pharmaceutical Litigation
- Products Liability
- Silica / Engineered Stone
- Talc Litigation
- Toxic Tort Litigation
- Trust, Estate & Probate Litigation

OVERVIEW

Kyle practices in the Toxic Tort Litigation Group of Cetrulo LLP. Kyle represents both Fortune 100 companies and family-owned businesses as local, regional, and national coordinating counsel in mass tort litigation. Kyle has successfully defended clients in the state and federal courts of Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont in multi-party, multi-jurisdictional, mass tort litigation alleging injuries from exposure to asbestos, lead pigment, benzene, talc, PFAS and radiation. He has also been retained by prospective buyers to perform risk management assessments of the toxic tort liabilities of acquisition "target" companies.

EXPERIENCE

- *Brown v. Lockheed Martin Corp.*, 814 F.3d 619 (2d Cir. 2016) Worked with client, a major aerospace company, to obtain dismissal based on lack of personal jurisdiction in United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, which was upheld in landmark ruling in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- The Station Nightclub Fire Litigation: Kyle represented a building products manufacturer in the civil litigation arising out of the 2003 fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, involving over 550 plaintiffs, 98 defendants, and a collective settlement of $176 Million.
- *Cabasug v. Crane*, 989 F. Supp. 2d 1027 (2013) Hawaii Asbestos Litigation: Kyle successfully obtained summary judgment for two defendants in the Hawaii asbestos litigation.
- Danvers Explosion: Kyle successfully represented a chemical company in the civil litigation arising out of a 2006 explosion in Danversport, MA.
- Cosmetic Talc: In one of the first cosmetic talc cases litigated in Massachusetts, Kyle

obtained a complete dismissal of the action as to all defendants after discovering the Plaintiff lying under oath during her discovery deposition. After several attempts to evade the truth, the Plaintiff ultimately acknowledged on the record that she had not been truthful, and the case was subsequently dismissed as to all defendants. See *Follansbee v. All*, C.A. 21-1722 (2021).

Authorships

- *Chapter 93A Rights and Remedies*, 6th Edition, MCLE | New England, May 2025.
- *Toxic Tort Litigation Guide,* Thomson Reuters, 2018-2024.
- *Chapter 93A Rights and Remedies*, 5th Edition, MCLE | New England, October 2022.
- *OSHA in the Time of COVID-19: A Call for Enforceable Standards for the Sake of Employees and Employers*, The Federal Lawyer, November/December 2020.
- *Percolating PFAS*, The Federal Lawyer, March/April 2020.
- *Epic or Not: The Misplaced Importance of the Supreme Court's Recent Decision in Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis* , The Federal Lawyer, February 2019.
- *The Man Behind the Curtain: How Third Party Litigation may be affecting Your Practice*, For the Defense Magazine, July 2015.
- *Federal MDL Centralization: The Mystique of the Process & Why It Matters*, For The Defense Magazine, 2011.
- *A 'Duty' Too Far? Courts Tackle 'Component Parts Liability'*, American Bar Association, Toxic Torts & Environmental Law Committee Newsletter, Fall/Winter, 2010-2011.
- *Donovan: Ominous Portents*, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, 2009.
- *Getting It Right From the Start: Managing BPA Litigation Sensibly*, Drawing Lessons From Other Toxic Torts, Defense Research Institute, 2009.

Presentations, Classes & Seminars Taught

- *Insurance & Risk Management*, Talc Litigation Conference – Perrin Conferences (May 20, 2025, Chicago, IL)
- *Navigating the Shifting Tides: Exploring Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) in Litigation,* Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association, 2024 (March 7, 2024, Boston, MA)
- *PFAS: Current Developments,* Defense Research Institute, 2024 (February 9, 2024, Denver, CO)
- *Practical Considerations for Remote Depositions: Cautionary Tales and Recommendations for Success*, Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar, 2022 (June 23,

2022, Las Vegas, NV)

- *Reevaluating Remote Depositions: Best Practices and Cautionary Tales*, Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association 2022 Annual Meeting (June 3, 2022, Boston, MA)
- *Communicating to Juries After 2020 – Lessons Learned from the Pandemic, BLM, and Virtual Trials*, Defense Research Institute, 2022 Toxic Torts & Environmental Law Seminar (March 15, 2022, Atlanta, GA)
- *An Overview of State of the Art and Causation Issues in Talc: Using Sound Science to Address Plaintiffs' Experts' Claims*, Defense Research Institute, 2020 Asbestos Medicine Virtual Seminar (November 20, 2020)
- *Occupational Laws & Compliance*, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, Distance Learning Program, Adjunct Assistant Professor
- *The "Reverse Reptile": The Defense, Pitfalls, and Alternatives*, Defense Lawyers Asbestos Symposium (November 2019, Boston, MA)
- Opioid Epidemic: A Survey of Recent Developments in Massachusetts and Nationally, Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association, Seminar (April 11, 2018, Boston, MA)
- Litigating Cases in a Post-OSHA Paradigm: Views from Both Sides of the Aisle, Cutting-Edge Issues In Asbestos Litigation Conferences – Perrin Conferences (March 8-9, 2018, Beverly Hills, CA)
- Defending Lung Cancer Cases, Asbestos Defense Strategic Summit – Perrin Conferences (November 9, 2016, New Orleans, LA)
- Practical Considerations for Expert Challenges: 1st Annual Asbestos Litigation Strategies ExecuSummit (December 2, 2014, Uncasville, CT)
- Expert Disclosures: Recent State and Federal Changes, Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association, Annual Meeting & Spring Seminar (May 31, 2013, Boston, MA)
- Preventing Your Expert Testimony From Being Limited or Excluded, 22nd Annual National Expert Witness Conference, SEAK, Inc. (April 29, 2013, Chicago, IL)
- Latest Developments in the Federal MDL, Asbestos Litigation Update: Emerging Trends & Trial Skills, HB Litigation Conferences (July 19, 2011, Audiocast)
- Latest Developments in the Federal MDL, 4th Annual Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation, HB Litigation Conferences (April 7-8, 2011, Chicago, IL)
- Current Status of the Asbestos MDL, National Asbestos Conference: Litigation and Trial of MDL Asbestos Claims in Federal Court, Harris Martin Conferences (February 24-25, 2011, Miami, FL)
- The Latest Developments in MDL 875: From Graveyard to the New Frontier?, Annual

Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation, HB Litigation Conferences (March 4-5, 2010, Marina del Rey, CA)

HONORS

- Kyle is the Massachusetts State Representative for the Defense Reasearch Institute.
- Kyle was the President of the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association in 2024-2025 and continues to serve as the Chair of the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association's Toxic Tort Substantive Law Committee.
- Kyle was recognized as one of The Best Lawyers in America® in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.
- Kyle was selected by his peers as a Massachusetts Super Lawyers/Rising Star each year from 2009 to 2017.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, 2005
- B.A., Nazareth College of Rochester, 1999

ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maine
- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont
- Vermont

MEMBERSHIPS

- Founder and Treasurer, Maine Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2025 – Present)
- President, Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association (2024-2025)
- Chair of the Toxic Tort Substantive Law Committee, Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association (2014 – Present)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)

- Maine Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Steering Committee, Boston Bar Association, 2015 Annual Meeting