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PROFILE

Gordon Kirsten has been advising tech companies for more than fifteen years. His practice has an emphasis in the areas of information technology, intellectual property law, open source software, data licensing, cybersecurity, and privacy law, and includes counseling clients and negotiating a broad range of business relationships and contracts in these areas. He has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® Rising Star list.

Education

- William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1999)
magna cum laude
- University of Wisconsin (Master of Science, Bacteriology, 1995)
- University of Wisconsin (BS in Biochemistry, 1993)

Admissions

- Kansas (2007)
- Wisconsin (2003)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity & Venture Capital
- Business & Corporate Law
- Securities & Corporate Finance
- Administrative/Regulatory
- Privacy & Data Security

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

- E-Commerce
- Startup/Entrepreneurship

INDUSTRIES

- Banking & Financial Services

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Associate – von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Milwaukee, WI, 2003-2006 Associate – Rider, Bennett, Egan & Arundel, Minneapolis, MN, 1999-2003

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Banking and Finance Law, 2025
- Selected for inclusion in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® List Rising Star, 2008, 2011 (a Thomson Reuters business)
- Kansas Bar Association
- Minnesota Bar Association
- State Bar of Minnesota
- Wichita Bar Association
- Wisconsin Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS

2017

- Cybersecurity: The Evolving Threat and Legal Landscape (Kansas Bar Association, Annual "Slam Dunk" CLE)

2015

- Addressing and Mitigating Your Company's Cyber Liability (Foulston Siefkin, Senior Technology Conference: Cybersecurity)

2010

- Assigning Rights and Responsibilities in Clinical Trials - Anatomy of a Clinical Trial Agreement (Foulston Siefkin Regional Bioscience Law Conference)

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

2009

- Intellectual Property (Practical Entrepreneur Training Tools Workshop for WSU Center for Entrepreneurship)

2008

- How electronic communication is currently being used in legal and business settings (Kansas Ethics Seminar)

ISSUE ALERTS

2011

- New .xxx Domain Name Registry Announced: Act Now to Protect Your Brand