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Kelsey has significant litigation and trial experience representing clients in complex, high-stakes disputes, with a particular focus on matters arising in California.

Kelsey has represented clients across a wide range of complex commercial and regulatory disputes, including matters involving energy, real estate, and technology companies. She draws on her courtroom experience to guide clients through all phases of litigation, including discovery, motion practice, trial preparation, and resolution of technically and factually intensive cases. She has experience working with complex federal and state regulatory regimes, including under the Clean Air Act and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Her experience includes defending against enforcement proceedings, representing corporate clients in multi-party litigation across jurisdictions, and handling cases involving substantial financial and operational risk.

Kelsey's trial experience includes obtaining, after two weeks of trial, a favorable settlement for the country's largest integrated health care system in a lawsuit brought by a group of California hospitals seeking hundreds of millions of dollars for emergency medical services. She has also represented clients in wrongful death litigation and in large-scale disputes arising from catastrophic events.

In law school, Kelsey served as a Comments Editor for the *University of Chicago Law Review*. Her published comment was cited in the Ninth Circuit's opinion, as well as in the concurring opinion, in *Kohn v. State Bar of California*, 87 F.4th 1021 (9th Cir. 2023) (en banc). After law school, Kelsey clerked for the Honorable Karin J. Immergut of the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. She is excited to be back home in the Bay Area.

Education

- University of Chicago (J.D., *with Honors*, 2020)
 - *The University of Chicago Law Review*, Comments Editor
- Stanford University (B.A., *with Honors*, 2015)
 - English
 - *Stanford Arts Review*, Senior Culture Writer

Bar Admissions

- California

Professional Affiliations

- California Lawyers Association, Member
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member

Publications

- Comment, *Tangled Arms: Modernizing and Harmonizing the Arm-of-the-State Doctrine*, 86 U. Chi. L. Rev. 1603 (2019).
 - This comment was cited in the Ninth Circuit's opinion, as well as in the concurring opinion, in *Kohn v. State Bar of California*, 87 F.4th 1021 (9th Cir. 2023) (en banc).
- Reviews and culture commentaries, *Stanford Arts Review*, 2014-2015.