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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation & Risk Management
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution

### RECOGNITION

- AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating (Martindale Hubbell)
- 2005-2019 Super Lawyer® in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Thompson Reuters)
- 2007-2017 Leading Lawyer™
  - ADR Law: Commercial Litigation
  - ADR Law: Commercial Real Estate, Environmental & Construction
  - ADR Law: Employment
- 2011-2017 Best Lawyer®

### BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Courts  
Northern District of Illinois
- United States Courts of Appeal  
Seventh Circuit

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Northwestern University  
School of Law, Adjunct Professor  
Commercial Arbitration
- Illinois Supreme Court  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Coordinating, Committee of the Illinois  
Judicial Conference, Court-Appointed  
Advisory Member
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority  
Current Member, Mediation Roster  
Past Member, Panel of Arbitrators
- National Futures Association:  
Member, Arbitration Panel and  
Business Conduct Hearing Committee
- International Mediation Institute  
Certified Mediator

Kent Lawrence is a sought-after mediator and arbitrator who is retained directly by counsel or through organizations such as the American Arbitration Association, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA, f/k/a NASD), National Futures Association and the Center for Conflict Resolution. Kent's mediations often focus on matters involving securities, options, commodities and futures, general commercial and real estate, but he has also mediated as a volunteer in employment discrimination, divorce fee and community matters.

Kent has established a reputation for being a strong but fair arbitrator and a persistent mediator who can get parties to a settlement. He has served as an arbitrator in more than 80 cases and as a mediator in more than 155 cases. Kent has reached full or partial agreement in 75% of all cases, and nearly 90% in securities and commodities casework. Part of the reason for his success is his broad range of experience. Before becoming a mediator, Kent honed his skills in both litigation and transactions, representing business clients in a wide range of industries. His individual client work also includes estate and tax planning, return preparation, probate and investments.

Kent is a leader in the field who has been involved throughout Illinois in the formulation and evaluation of court-annexed systems and initial training of mediators in those systems. He is a frequent industry speaker and has organized and participated on numerous panels over the years, including those with the Circuit Court of Cook County, Law Division and John Marshall Law School.

Kent serves as an officer and director of several not-for-profit grant-giving foundations. He and his wife Kathy established and work with the Kickapoo/Mud Creek Nature Conservancy in Oregon, Illinois, and enjoy their "green," architectural-award-winning second home there. For more information, please visit [www.kickapoomudcreek.org](http://www.kickapoomudcreek.org).