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Practice Areas:

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Banking and Finance
- Eminent Domain
- Administrative Law and Professional Licensing

Education:

University of Florida, B.S. in Public Relations, *summa cum laude*, 2004

University of Florida, B.A. in Political Science, *cum laude*, 2004

University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2008

Scott is an AV-Rated attorney who has been awarded board certification by the Florida Bar in the area of Business Litigation. In order to earn such certification, a lawyer must meet stringent experience requirements, pass a specialized test administered by the Florida Bar, and must complete continuing legal education classes in the field of specialization beyond that which is required to maintain standard Bar licensure. Each year since 2012, Scott has also been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine as a “Rising Star” in Business Litigation and by *Florida Trend Magazine*. In 2018 and 2019, he was also recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* magazine in the area of Commercial Litigation.

Scott is a member of Rogers Towers’ Litigation Department and of the firm’s practice groups for Eminent Domain & Condemnation, Banking and Financial Services, and Alcohol Industry Regulation. His practice is dedicated to representing business entities and individuals in complex litigation matters and other disputes in the areas of real property, banking litigation, commercial litigation, business torts, and civil trial practice.

As part of the Eminent Domain & Condemnation Practice Group, Scott represents landowners defending their properties against condemning authorities, including the Florida Department of Transportation, municipalities, and utilities. He has obtained large damage awards for his clients and worked with condemning authorities to alter eminent domain takings so as to less significantly impact his clients’ properties. As part of the Banking and Financial Services Practice Group, Scott focuses primarily on enforcement of creditor’s rights and defending lender liability actions, as well as representing individual investors in federal and state securities cases.

The Alcohol Industry Team assists producers and retailers in the alcohol industry with such matters as obtaining and assigning liquor licenses, negotiating distribution contracts, and obtaining local government approval for production and sale. As a founder of Jacksonville’s downtown distillery, Manifest Distilling, Scott understands the legal challenges facing those in this growing industry.

Previous Professional Experience:

Prior to joining Rogers Towers, Mr. Kennelly served as a law clerk to United States Circuit Judge Susan H. Black of the United States Eleventh Court of Appeals. During law school, Mr. Kennelly spent time as an intern with the United States Attorney’s Office in Jacksonville.

Court Admissions:

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Bar Association and Memberships:

- The Florida Bar
- Jacksonville Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Jacksonville Chapter

Legal Certifications:

- Board Certified in Business Litigation, The Florida Bar

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Awards & Distinctions:

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Commercial Litigation), 2018-2022
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Litigation – Banking and Finance), 2022
- *Florida Super Lawyers*®, “Rising Star” (Business Litigation), 2012-2021
- *Florida Trend Magazine*, “Legal Elite Up & Comer”, 2012-2016, 2021
- *Florida Trend Magazine*, “Legal Elite” (Commercial Litigation), 2017, 2020
- *Executive Notes & Comments Editor*, *Florida Law Review*
- Recipient, Book Awards in Business Organizations and Constitutional Law
- Pro Bono Certificate, University of Florida College of Law
- Florida Blue Key
- Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity

Professional & Community Involvement:

- Co-Founder, Manifest Distilling
- Cub Scout Den Leader, 2017-Present
- Member, JAXUSA Advisory Council, 2014-Present
- Member, JAXUSA Business Development Committee, 2014-Present
- Barrister, Chester Bedell Inn of Court, 2015-2017
- Committee Member, Local Rules Drafting Committee, Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists, 2014-2017
- Panelist/Speaker, Practicing with Professionalism (Florida Bar CLE Seminar), 2013-2015
- Board Member, The Risk Management Association (financial services industry group), 2014-2015
- Legal Mentor, KYN (startup accelerator program), 2013-2014
- Legal Mentor, Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce Get Smart! Program, 2012