

Keating Muething & Klekamp only law firm ranked #1 in Cincinnati in Corporate Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, and Municipal Law by The Best Lawyers in America 2011

KMK® ranked #1 in Cincinnati in Employee Benefits Law, Project Finance Law, Real Estate Law, Personal Injury Litigation and #1 in Ohio in Project Finance Law; 35 attorneys from KMK selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers 2011

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Cincinnati, OH — Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL (KMK®) was ranked #1 in Cincinnati in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 in seven areas: Corporate Law, Employee Benefits Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Municipal Law, Project Finance Law, Real Estate Law, and Personal Injury Litigation. Notably, KMK also was ranked #1 in the state of Ohio in Project Finance Law.

Thirty-five (35) attorneys from KMK were selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2011:

Brian M. Babb – Environmental Law

James E. Burke – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law

Joseph M. Callow, Jr. – Commercial Litigation

Steven C. Coffaro – Commercial Litigation

Robert E. Coletti – Corporate Law

Paul D. Dorger – Labor and Employment Law

Alan S. Fershtman – Tax Law

Patrick F. Fischer – Commercial Litigation

Louis F. Gilligan – Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation

Stephen M. Goodson – Employee Benefits Law

Patricia B. Hogan – Intellectual Property Law

Kevin E. Irwin – Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law

James M. Jansing – Corporate Law

William J. Keating, Jr. – Corporate Law

Donald P. Klekamp – Corporate Law

Gary P. Kreider – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Kenneth P. Kreider – Real Estate Law

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Timothy B. Matthews – Banking Law, Venture Capital Law

Robert W. Maxwell II – Labor and Employment Law

Lisa Wintersheimer Michel – Employee Benefits Law

Paul V. Muething – Corporate Law, Securities Law

William A. Posey – Personal Injury Litigation

F. Mark Reuter – Securities Law

Joseph P. Rouse – Trusts and Estates

Rachael A. Rowe – Commercial Litigation

Robert G. Sanker – Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law

Mark E. Sims – Tax Law

Richard D. Spoor – Municipal Finance Law

Edward E. Steiner – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr. – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law

Joseph L. Trauth, Jr. – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law

Gregory M. Utter – Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation

Mark J. Weber – Real Estate Law

Herbert B. Weiss – Project Finance Law, Real Estate Law

Mark A. Weiss – Corporate Law

The Best Lawyers in America 2011 ranked KMK #1 in Corporate Law, the only law firm in Cincinnati to be top-listed. KMK's Corporate Group handles business law matters for all types and sizes of business organizations, including public and private corporations, limited and general partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships.

The Best Lawyers in America 2011 ranked KMK #1 in Employee Benefits Law in Cincinnati. KMK's Employee Benefits Group provides sophisticated and practical legal advice to clients regarding a broad spectrum of matters including qualified retirement plans, nonqualified deferred compensation, and health and welfare benefits.

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***The Best Lawyers in America 2011* ranked KMK #1 in Land Use and Zoning Law, the only law firm in Cincinnati to be top-listed.** KMK's Land Use & Zoning lawyers assist with governmental land-use regulation and have experience litigating cases in trial court, appellate court, and in the Ohio Supreme Court.

***The Best Lawyers in America 2011* ranked KMK #1 in Municipal Law, the only law firm in Cincinnati to be top-listed.** KMK's Municipal Finance lawyers handle all aspects of public finance involving traditional issuers of municipal securities as well as special districts such as port authorities and utility districts in both Ohio and Kentucky. They also serve as underwriters or placement agent counsel, letter of credit bank counsel, and bond counsel for taxable variable rate note issues.

***The Best Lawyers in America 2011* ranked KMK #1 in Personal Injury Litigation in Cincinnati.** KMK's Personal Injury lawyers represent clients in numerous product liability, personal injury/wrongful death, and property damage claims throughout the country, including those involving motor vehicle accidents, electrical equipment, power man lifts, industrial machines and equipment, construction equipment, chemicals, fire, and explosions.

***The Best Lawyers in America 2011* ranked KMK #1 in the state of Ohio and #1 in Cincinnati in Project Finance Law.** KMK's Project Finance group has experience representing lenders in connection with commercial real estate financing, construction/permanent loan packages, leasebacks, air rights structures, Industrial Development Boards (IDB), Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and public/government debt issues. They also have experience representing owners, developers, entrepreneurs, and investors with regard to commercial and residential projects. This marks the 28th consecutive year that KMK partner, Herbert B. Weiss, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2011* in the area of Project Finance.

***The Best Lawyers in America 2011* ranked KMK #1 in Real Estate Law in Cincinnati.** KMK's Real Estate Group is comprised of a cross-section of attorneys with collective experience in all aspects of real property law including development, leasing and transactional work, zoning and land use, sales and acquisitions, real estate taxation, project finance, public assisted finance, environmental issues, economic development, and government affairs.

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