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“Kim Melvin delivers exceptional work on complex coverage matters. Her expertise, strategic thinking, and attention to detail consistently deliver outstanding results.”

Client, Chambers USA

Kim Melvin is a member of Tyka’s Management Committee and one of the nation’s most sought-after advocates for insurers in high-stakes coverage disputes involving professional liability policies.

Given the highest ranking among insurance lawyers by Chambers USA (Band One), Kim represents liability insurers in connection with major corporate scandals, financial disruptions, and bankruptcies, where complex coverage questions often turn on the intersections of insurance, corporate, and bankruptcy law. She advises carriers across a wide range of policy lines, including those covering directors and officers, public and private companies, financial institutions, mutual funds, investment advisors, ERISA plans, insurance companies, brokers, and lawyers.

Recognized in Chambers USA as an “exceptional lawyer” who is “very good in front of a court,” Kim brings “strong analytical skills and a deep knowledge of insurance-related law” to her matters. Clients call her “one of the top coverage attorneys in the business” and “the entire package.” The Legal 500 US regularly recognizes her as a recommended lawyer in

EDUCATION

- George Mason University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*
 - George Mason Law Review, notes editor
- Mary Washington College, B.A., *magna cum laude*

HONORS

- Best Lawyers | Insurance Law (2026-2027)
- Chambers USA | “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business” Insurance: Insurer (2018-2026); Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer (2025-2026)
- Legal 500 US | “Recommended Lawyer” Insurance: Advice to Insurers (2013-2026)
- Super Lawyers | Super Lawyer for Insurance Coverage (2013-2020, 2023)
- Business Insurance | Women to Watch (2013)
- Law360 | Rising Star (2011)

insurance law, noting clients find her “intelligent, responsive, and excellent with adversaries and mediators.”

Kim appears in federal and state courts nationwide, including appellate and bankruptcy courts, and in arbitration proceedings. She frequently represents insurers in connection with claims involving securities, derivative, ERISA, bankruptcy litigation, and government investigations. In such large and complex matters, Kim represents insurers in mediations and in negotiating sophisticated settlements, including resolving competing demands on insurance towers, securities-derivative pass-through settlement structures, and coverage workouts. She also advises clients on underwriting issues for professional liability policies, bringing practical insights into how policy wording decisions impact claims in practice.

Before co-founding Tyka, Kim co-chaired the insurance practice at Wiley Rein alongside Ben Eggert. Under their leadership, the firm was named Law360’s Insurance Group of the Year 10 different times since 2012.

BAR + COURT ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia Bar
- Virginia Bar
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana

EXPERIENCE

- Prevailed at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, which upheld an insurer client’s position that a series of securities litigation and an SEC investigation involving a U.S. sportswear giant were a single Claim implicating only one tower of insurance.
- Played a leading role on behalf of a D&O insurance tower to secure the global resolution of bondholder securities class action and bankruptcy trustee litigation, working closely with two mediators, several plaintiffs’ firms, and numerous defense counsel.
- Earned victory at the Delaware Superior Court and the Delaware Supreme Court, vindicating an insurer client’s position that two securities lawsuits against a solar panel manufacturer constituted related claims first made prior to inception of the client’s policy.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “10x Distress: When a \$5B Tech Buyout Meets Reality,” PLUS Conference, November 11, 2026, Speaker

- “Fiduciary Liability: What is Old is New Again,” PLUS Conference, November 14, 2024, Speaker
- “Navigating Bankruptcies in Today’s World,” PLUS D&O Symposium, February 14, 2024, Speaker
- “Never-Ending Story: Exposures Facing Fiduciaries and Their Insurers,” PLUS Conference, November 10, 2022, Speaker
- “For Our Captive Audience: A Discussion on Delaware D&O Captive Insurance,” PLUS, March 2, 2022, Speaker
- “Excess State of Play,” PLUS D&O Symposium, April 26, 2021, Speaker
- “The Surge of Bankruptcies & D&O Claims,” PLUS Virtual Conference, November 9, 2020, Speaker
- “Virtually Resolving Complex D&O Disputes (For Real),” PLUS Webinar, May 13, 2020, Presenter

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
 - Board of Trustees (2000-2025)
 - PLUS Journal Editorial Board (2015-2019)