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OVERVIEW

When clients seek to resolve state or national governmental issues, they look to Kyle for smart guidance that advances their business objectives.

Kyle's practice involves governmental affairs, regulatory work, campaign finance, government contracts and election law. He works extensively with legislation related to banks, insurance, brokerage companies and trade finance. He also advises industry representatives from groups, companies and associations with legal services across the public policy spectrum, and he works on government affairs issues related to Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

In addition, Kyle's experience includes issues related to financial services, agriculture, energy, natural resources and healthcare. He has extensive knowledge to help clients navigate the complexities of regulation and compliance at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Kyle formerly worked as the lawyer staff lead on the reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance program in his capacity as a counsel on the House Financial Services

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Banking & Finance
Campaign Finance, Political Ethics, & Election Law
CFIUS
Congressional Investigations
Consumer Financial Services
Credit Unions
Crypto, Digital Assets, & Blockchain
Data Centers
Insurance
Levee & Flood Protection
Oil & Gas
Public Law
Public Policy, Regulatory, & Government Affairs
State Attorneys General Practice
Trade Associations & Coalitions

"He understands the political climate very well. He is very professional, effective in his manner and highly tenacious."

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Committee. In particular, Kyle assisted in the drafting of the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-264).

Kyle is managing partner of the firm's Washington, DC, office. Kyle also oversees our government affairs work in Nebraska.

In 2022, Kyle was appointed to the University of Nebraska's Washington, D.C. Advisory Council.

Experience

STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATORY LAW

- Advised electric power cooperative seeking to build new coal-fired plant on securing amendment in House-passed version of Farm Bill. State had completed inspection and approved project; however, federal government wanted to conduct its own inspection. Amendment exempted certain cooperatives (including our client) from federal inspection.
- Represented midstream energy company in drafting letter and obtaining signatures from approximately 15 members of Congress urging governor of New York and his executive agencies to approve construction of underground natural gas storage facility in New York.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Represented First National of Nebraska on Basel III capital and credit card matters, such as interchange and swipe fees, Dodd-Frank and municipal advisor matters.
- Advised one of the nation's largest qualified intermediaries on like-kind exchanges and secured provision in Dodd-Frank law on consumer protections.
- Counseled Nebraska Investment Finance Authority on tax credit programs and represented it before Congress on matters such as expanding use of low-income housing tax credit near military bases.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

- As key member of the firm's CARES Act resource team, advised clients on accessing COVID-19-driven financial assistance, including Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and Main Street Lending Program.

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Experience

LEVEE AND FLOOD PROTECTION

- Represented Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 2 on residual risk of loss issue for federal flood insurance program.

Recognition

- *Chambers USA*, Political Law, Nationwide, 2023-2026
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, Honors, 2022

Education

- J.D., University of Nebraska College of Law
  - Student Bar Association, President
- B.A., University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  - with distinction
  - Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Nebraska
- U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska
- U.S. Supreme Court

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Community Leadership

- The Economic Club of Washington, D.C.
- Falls Church High School Athletic Boosters Club - Vice President
- Falls Church High School PTSA - President
- Falls Church Kiwanis Little League, Board of Directors, 2012-2017; Team Manager, 2012-2016; Chief Umpire, 2013-2017
- Missouri-Kansas Forum, Former Chair
- Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Nebraska Society of Washington, DC, President, 2013; General Counsel, 2005-2014
- Resurrection Lutheran Church (Arlington, Virginia), Church Council President
- University of Nebraska, Washington, D.C. Advisory Council



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