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Keith counsels sophisticated insurers, regional financial institutions, mid-size businesses, entrepreneurs and not-for-profit organizations both locally and internationally. His work with some of the world's largest insurers includes product design, coverage analysis and advocacy, reserve and process evaluation and dispute resolution across a wide range of coverages and geographic locations. Keith defends the rights of insurers, reinsurers, and reinsureds in coverage litigation, mediations, arbitrations, and negotiations involving a broad array of sophisticated coverages in almost every state in the United States, elsewhere in North America, in the United Kingdom and in other European Union countries.

As the author of scores of separate insurance policy forms and thousands of specially endorsements, Keith's knowledge of insurance coverage derived from close working relationships with claim and underwriting professionals as well as with sophisticated insureds and senior risk managers.

In addition to working with the world's largest insurers and other financial institutions, Keith works with both new and established businesses to form new entities, to foster business growth through acquisitions, capital raising, franchising and joint ventures, and to provide advice and legal counsel for successful business men and women facing the challenges of strategic planning and dispute resolution. He represents and advises businesses with regard to employment relations, creditors' rights, corporate formations, and transactions. As counsel to a number of churches and other not-for-profit entities, Keith has helped found and guide charitable and advocacy groups such as the Ironmen Foundation and Federalist 51. Ironmen Foundation is a charity providing scholarships to the children of wounded and killed combat veterans, while Federalist 51 focuses on advocating Constitutional education and adherence. In his community service role he works with local leaders in business, government, and philanthropy to promote programs that benefit young people and those facing personal crises in the Midwest and elsewhere across the United States.

As a public speaker and writer, Keith addresses legal concerns of businesses and the successful women and men that run them locally, nationally, and internationally. He has been a speaker at the Risk and Insurance Management Symposium (RIMS), the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS), the American Conference Institute (ACI), and before various other professional and community organizations. Keith has been invited to counsel senior management groups in both the United States and in Europe. Keith is a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, PLUS, Rotary International, and a number of legal professional associations.

In addition to client advocacy, Keith has worked with national legislative leaders to address regulatory and public policy issues. He provides neutral mediation services with regard to community issues and business disputes. Outside of work he participates in theatrical productions, provides free legal services to community organizations, and coaches youth soccer and baseball teams.

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