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## PRACTICE AREAS

Franchise & Distribution

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## COURT MEMBERSHIPS

- Illinois

## EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of  
Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*,  
2021

National Louis University, B.A.,  
Criminal Justice, 2018

# Kevin R. Graff

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Kevin is a Franchise & Distribution Associate who assists clients in asset acquisitions and dispositions, commercial contracts and franchise matters.

Prior to joining Lathrop GPM, Kevin was a transactional attorney, where he assisted clients in drafting franchise disclosure documents, franchise and development agreements and all other applicable governing documents.

Kevin was a law clerk at a law firm in Chicago, where he focused on catastrophic loss, products liability, and insurance subrogation. Kevin also interned with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Before law school, Kevin was a Detective for the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department where he was detailed to the FBI Financial Crimes and Public Corruption Task Force. During his time with the FBI, Kevin participated in numerous federal investigations that allowed him to tackle complex financial and fraud related investigations.

## Presentations

- Co-presenter, "Basics Track: Registration & Disclosure," 2023 International Franchise Association (IFA) Legal Symposium, May 9, 2023

## Client Alerts And Blog Posts

- California Federal Court Grants Summary Judgment to Distributor for Breach of Exclusivity Provision by Supplier  
April 11, 2024

- Eleventh Circuit Holds Franchisor's Justified Threat of Criminal Prosecution Does Not Justify Setting Aside Settlement Agreement with Franchisee for Duress  
March 14, 2024
- Arizona Federal Court Grants Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction Against Former Franchisee for Violation of Noncompete  
February 15, 2024
- Eleventh Circuit Affirms in Part, Reverses in Part, District Court Determination to Blue Pencil and Enforce Noncompete Agreement  
January 18, 2024
- Puerto Rico Federal Court Denies Distributor's Motion for Preliminary Injunction to Allow Distributor to Continue to Sell Manufacturer's Products During Litigation  
December 8, 2023
- Eighth Circuit Rules a Franchisor Is Not Entitled to Compel Arbitration of its Own Claims After Receiving a Series of Unfavorable Decisions from the Court  
November 1, 2023
- Massachusetts Federal Court Grants Manufacturer's Motion to Dismiss Distributor's Franchise Law Counterclaims  
October 5, 2023
- Illinois Appellate Court Upholds Dismissal of Vicarious Liability Claim Against Franchisor Due to Franchisor's Lack of Day-to-Day Control over Franchisees  
September 7, 2023
- California Court of Appeals Denies Manufacturer's Motion to Compel Arbitration Under Sales Contract to Which It Was Not a Party  
August 10, 2023
- Maine Federal Court Grants Franchisor's Motion to Dismiss Age Discrimination Claim Brought by Franchisee's Independent Contractor  
July 6, 2023
- Florida Federal Court Dismisses Matter *Sua Sponte* Pursuant to Forum-Selection Clause in the Franchise Agreement  
June 8, 2023
- California Federal Court Concludes California Franchise Relations Act Applies to Termination of Operator Agreement  
May 4, 2023

- New Jersey Federal Court Holds Automobile Retailer Association Cannot State Claim Under Franchise Practices Act  
April 5, 2023
- New York Appellate Court Dismisses Royalties Claim Because of Franchisor's Breach Under Preliminary Injunction  
March 9, 2023
- New Jersey Federal Court Finds Franchisee's Defense of Fraudulent Inducement Sufficient to Block Franchisor's Motion for Summary Judgment on Its Claim for Breach of Contract  
February 9, 2023
- California Court of Appeals Denies Franchisor's Motion to Compel Customer to Arbitrate Based on "Terms of Use"  
January 11, 2023
- Illinois Federal Court Enforces Choice of Law Provision in Distributor Agreement  
December 8, 2022
- New York Federal Court Denies Motions for Summary Judgment Due to "Dueling" Expert Reports  
November 10, 2022
- Texas Federal Court Awards Damages for Franchisee's Use of Marks After Termination  
October 6, 2022
- Illinois Federal Court Grants Motion to Dismiss Biometric Information Privacy Act Claim  
September 8, 2022
- Eleventh Circuit Affirms Award of Attorneys' Fees Following Arbitration  
August 11, 2022
- New York Federal Court Denies in Part Motion to Dismiss Fraud and Negligent Misrepresentation Claims Against Kickboxing Studio Franchisor  
July 14, 2022
- Florida Federal Court Enforces Explicit Contract Terms in Finding for Franchisor on Area Development Agreement Breach Claims  
May 5, 2022

### In The News

- Becker's Healthcare Features Thought Leadership by Lathrop GPM Attorneys Justin Sallis and Kevin Graff  
February 21, 2024



## News Releases

- Ten Lathrop GPM Attorneys Recognized as Franchise Legal Eagles  
April 1, 2024
- Nine Lathrop GPM Attorneys Recognized as Franchise Legal Eagles  
April 3, 2023
- Lathrop GPM Grows Franchise & Distribution Practice with New Partner and Associates  
June 13, 2022

## Honors

- *Franchise Times*, "Legal Eagle," 2023-2024