

RESUME OF RICHARD A. KAPLAN

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Profession: Attorney: Commercial and Business Litigation and Arbitration

Current Employer: Thorsen Kaplan L.L.P. Thorsen Kaplan L.L.P. focuses on litigation and dispute resolution projects, including assisting clients in simplifying complex issues and synthesizing data in order to utilize it effectively in, for example, objective risk assessment for settlement and litigation, developing case themes and strategies, working with experts, and conducting jury research. With an extensive background of traditional litigation and arbitration experience, the two partners in the firm are positioned to deliver cost-effective, high-level projects on an “as needed” basis to companies and law firms that demand an extra edge.

Business Experience:

Business Owner

Co-Owner/operator of private company that imported merchandise from China and distributed it through independent sales representatives to wholesalers throughout the U.S. and other countries in North and South America. 2002-2005

Corporate Positions

Consultant, Dayton Hudson Properties, 1975-1976; Manager of Strategic Planning, Dayton Hudson Corporation, 1973-1975; Assistant to the President, B. Dalton Company, 1971-1973; Principal, Venture Resource Associates (strategic planning arm of Dayton Hudson), 1970-1971

Legal Experience:

Private Practice

Thorsen Kaplan L.L.P., Partner, 2005 – present

Kelly & Berens, P.A., Partner, 1996-2003

Popham, Haik, Schnobrich & Kaufman, Partner, 1987-1996

Sharp, Randolph & Green, P.A., Wash., D.C., Associate, 1979-1983

Representative corporate clients in private practice have included: Ceridian Corporation; General Electric Capital Corporation; GE Capital Mortgage Servicing, Inc.; GE Mortgage Insurance Corporation; American Airlines; Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc.; Agway, Inc.; W.R. Grace; Honeywell.

Clerkships

Honorable David L. Bazelon, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1977-1978

Honorable William B. Bryant, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 1976-1977

Other Government Experience

Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, 1983-1987

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience:

Have represented businesses and individuals in AAA and NASD arbitrations and in commercial mediations.

Trained as Qualified Neutral Arbitrator for State of Minnesota.

Professional Licenses

Minnesota, 1977; Washington, D.C., 1978; various federal courts

Professional Associations

American Bar Association; Minnesota State Bar Association

Education

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D. cum laude (1976), Order of the Coif; President, Minnesota Law Review, 1975-1976

Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, M.B.A., with Distinction, 1970.

George Washington University, B.B.A., Accounting, 1968.

Board Positions

American Center for Photography

Memberships

Harvard Club of Minnesota; University Club of St. Paul; Town & Country Club

Recent Publications

Thorsen, Kaplan & Hakala, “Rediscovering the Economics of Loss Causation” (forthcoming in April 2006 issue of Michigan State Journal of Business & Securities Law)