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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- ◆ Appeals
- ◆ Class Actions & Complex Litigation
- ◆ Constitutional Law
- ◆ Commodities & Futures Contracts
- ◆ Consumer Protection
- ◆ Technology & Data Privacy
- ◆ Employment Law
- ◆ Environmental Litigation
- ◆ Employee Benefits & Retirement Security (ERISA)
- ◆ Financial Products & Services Litigation
- ◆ Litigation on Behalf State & Local Governemnts
- ◆ Institutional Investors
- ◆ Intellectual Property
- ◆ International Law
- ◆ Mass Personal Injury
- ◆ Securities & Financial Fraud
- ◆ Whistleblower

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin
B.B.A., 1977

University of Wisconsin
M.B.A., 1978, Beta Alpha Psi

Managing Partner Lynn Sarko uses thoughtful innovation to solve complex issues.

Having led Keller Rohrbach L.L.P.'s Complex Litigation Group since its inception over 30 years ago, Lynn's work has led to new developments in case law and significant, impactful settlements for his clients.

A dynamic leader with a tenacious dedication to justice, Lynn has been selected by courts across the nation to serve in key leadership roles in a wide variety of cutting-edge cases. Namely, he was appointed Co-Lead counsel for *In re EpiPen* (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Mktg., Sales Practices & Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2785 (D. Kan.), the nationwide class action against pharmaceutical company Mylan and others for anticompetitive and unfair business practices in its sale and marketing of the EpiPen Auto-Injector device. He was also selected to serve in a leadership position on behalf of governmental entities and other plaintiffs in the vast litigation regarding the nationwide prescription opioid epidemic, *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio). The National Law Journal referred to this leadership team as a "Who's Who' in mass torts."

Some of Lynn's other remarkable successes include consumer protection cases aimed at holding automotive companies accountable for wrongdoing. One such case was *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2672 (N.D. Cal.), for which Lynn was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee—a group referred to as a "class action dream team." The case settled for over \$17 billion. Lynn was also appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for *In re Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep EcoDiesel Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2777 (N.D. Cal.), which settled for \$307.5 million, including required emissions modifications for 100,000 eligible vehicles. In addition to consumer protection cases, Lynn has also served in leadership positions for cases involving financial fraud and breaches of fiduciary duty. He was selected to lead teams of attorneys representing plaintiffs in the litigations against Enron, Worldcom, and Madoff—three of the biggest financial frauds of our time.

Lynn is widely renowned within the legal community and beyond for his diplomacy and fearless devotion to justice. He was a member of the legal team nominated for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize for seeking enforcement of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty on behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. He was also honored to receive the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year Award for his work on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill trial team, and he was one of four Washington lawyers recognized as one of the 500 "Leading Lawyers in America" by Lawdragon. He is also AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been consecutively named to the Washington Super Lawyers list for 21 years.

Lynn holds a BBA and an MBA in accounting and finance from the University of Wisconsin, where he also served as an accounting instructor. He graduated with his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law school, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Wisconsin Law Review and received the faculty award given to the most outstanding member of the graduating class.

Prior to joining Keller Rohrback, Lynn was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Criminal Division, an associate at the Washington D.C. office of Arnold & Porter, and law clerk to the Honorable Jerome Farris, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in Seattle.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

1981, Wisconsin

1981, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

1983, District of Columbia Court of Appeals

1984, District of Columbia

1984, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

1984, United States Supreme Court

1984, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

1984, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

1984, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

1984, U.S. Tax Court

1986, Washington

1986, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

1988, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

1989, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

1996, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

1997, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

2001, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

2002, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

2003, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

2003, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

2004, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

2008, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

2009, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

2010, U.S. District Court for North Dakota

2013, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

2016, U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

2016, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

2018, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

2019, Arizona

2024, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

HONORS & AWARDS

The *Best Lawyers in America*®, Seattle, Washington, 2027 (Recognized since 2024):

- Litigation - Antitrust
- Litigation - ERISA
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs

Ranked in Chambers and Partners USA Guide, 2024-2026
ERISA Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs

Lawdragon, 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, 2023-2026

Law360 Titans of The Plaintiffs Bar honoree, 2023

American Antitrust Institute - Antitrust Enforcement Award Honoree, in the category of "Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice" for work in In re EpiPen Marketing, Sales Practices, and Antitrust Litigation, 2022

Selected to Super Lawyers list in *Super Lawyers - Washington*, 1999-2026

National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Washington

Lawdragon, 500 Leading Lawyers in America, 2018 2022-2027

HONORS & AWARDS (Continued)

Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

Avvo Top Tax Lawyer, Washington CEO Magazine

Trial Lawyer of the Year, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice

Salmon Dalberg Award

Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

Lawdragon, 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, 2023- 2025

Law360 Titans of The Plaintiffs Bar honoree, 2023

Lawdragon, 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, 2023- 2025

Law360 Titans of The Plaintiffs Bar honoree, 2023

American Antitrust Institute - Antitrust Enforcement Award Honoree, in the category of "Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice" for work in *In re EpiPen Marketing, Sales Practices, and Antitrust Litigation*, 2022

National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Washington

Lawdragon, 500 Leading Lawyers in America, 2018 2022-2025

Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

Avvo Top Tax Lawyer, Washington CEO Magazine

Trial Lawyer of the Year, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice

Salmon Dalberg Award

Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Statewide Opioid Litigation Update*, Colorado County Attorneys Association Virtual Summer Conference (June 11, 2021).

Stock Drop and Roll: Key Supreme Court Rulings and New Standards in ERISA "Stock Drop" Cases, Thomson/ West Webinar, (July 24, 2014).

14th Annual Pension Law, Governance and Solvency Conference (2013).

Canadian Institute's 14th Annual Advanced Forum on Pension Law, Governance and Solvency (2013).

ERISA Litigation & Regulatory Compliance Congress (2013).

American Conference Institute's 6th National Forum on ERISA Litigation (2013).

25th Annual ERISA Litigation Conference (2012).

American Conference Institute's 5th National Forum on ERISA Litigation (2012).

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

American Bar Association, *Member*

Bar Association of The District of Columbia, *Member*

Federal Bar Association, *Member*

King County Bar Association, *Member*

State Bar of Wisconsin, *Member*

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, *Member*

Washington State Bar Association, *Member*

Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, *Member*

American Association for Justice, *Member*

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, *Member*

American Academy of Trial Counsel, *Fellow*

Editorial Board, Washington State Securities Law Deskbook

American Bar Foundation, *Fellow*

Human Rights Watch Committee

Washington Athletic Club, *Member*