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CAPABILITIES

Employment
Employment Litigation
Education

Mr. Kelleher's practice focuses on the representation of employers in all areas of employment law, including the negotiation of employment and separation agreements, counseling employers regarding their obligations under federal and New York State labor and employment laws, and representing employers before federal and state courts, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the New York State Division of Human Rights, the United States and State Departments of Labor, and other federal and state agencies.

Mr. Kelleher also regularly conducts workplace investigations for employers, including investigations of allegations of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and other alleged employee misconduct.

Drawing on his experiences as the General Counsel to the City of Buffalo School District and his representation of school districts for over two decades, Mr. Kelleher also devotes a significant portion of his practice to representing and counseling school districts in all areas of their operations, and the unique challenges they face.

Prior to practicing law, Mr. Kelleher served on the foreign policy staff in the Washington, D.C. office of United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

In The News

- ["Brendan P. Kelleher | People on the Move ,"](#) Buffalo Business First, November 2022
- ["Probe faults Martzloff, Williamsville's 'questionable decisions' for school reopening missteps ,"](#) The Buffalo News, March 2021
- ["Judge now rules student names, admissions test scores won't be released ,"](#) The Buffalo News, January 2019
- ["Will cannabis legalization prompt changes to workplace policies ?,"](#) Buffalo Business First, January 2021

- "Need child care? Here are some options – and how to pay ," The Buffalo News, August 2020
- "As employers field legal questions, attorneys say communication and flexibility are key ," Buffalo Business First, March 2020
- "Distancing by Design: 4 Buffalo executives weigh in on Covid-19 pandemic, " Buffalo Business First, September 2020
- "Crisis management is critical for companies ousting CEOs," Buffalo Business First, October 2018
- "Dennis Black avoids prison after paying full restitution," Buffalo Business First, January 2018
- "Kelleher reflects on life in the public eye ," Buffalo Business First, December 2011
- "Recreational activities in the workplace face increasing scrutiny by employers ," Buffalo Business First, October 2016

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Board of Trustees, 2012-2019
 - Served as the Board's Secretary and then Vice Chair
- St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Board of Trustees, 2011-2014

HONORS & AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Employment Law – Management; Labor Law – Management, since 2016
- *Upstate New York Super Lawyers*, Labor and Employment Law, since 2013
- *Buffalo Business First and Buffalo Law Journal*, Legal Elite of Western New York, 2014 and 2015
- *Irish Legal 100*, 2021 and 2022

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York



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