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Overview

Kenly Ames brings extra dimension to the firm with her experience in intellectual property law and business litigation. She formerly worked for Choate, Hall and Stewart LLP in Boston, Massachusetts.

Kenly enjoys the collegial atmosphere at ELPO. Attorneys often consult each other on cases and tap into each other's experience and networks to help solve problems for clients. "We bring a breadth of knowledge and areas in which we can help our clients and a depth of experience," Kenly said. "We're big enough to be able to handle most problems, but small enough that we still have strong personal relationships with our clients."

Kenly's big-city experience working as a judicial law clerk in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and in the litigation department of Choate, Hall & Stewart help make ELPO a frequent choice for out-of-state businesses and law firms that need Kentucky representation. Her education and experience

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Litigation
- Intellectual Property Law
- Appellate Practice
- Corporate Law

help ELPO draw that business, as does the lower cost of ELPO versus larger firms. “We are well-suited to be local counsel for large companies not located here who find themselves in a legal dispute in Kentucky,” Kenly says. “We have good relationships with law firms all over the country, including firms in New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Nashville. Doing a top-notch job as local counsel is really a matter of knowing the Kentucky courts and lawyers well, paying attention to detail and being available when lead counsel needs you, no matter how last-minute the request.”

Kenly focuses on resolving business disputes – both in court and out. “Some disputes have to be resolved in the courts,” Kenly says. “Others can be worked out without the expense of full-blown litigation. At ELPO, we listen to our clients, understand their priorities and consider all the available options.” Kenly’s practice has a particular emphasis on matters that involve trade secrets, non-competition/non-solicitation contracts, trademark and copyright infringement, licensing, Internet and unfair competition issues. Kenly also has experience in construction litigation, securities fraud litigation, class actions, complex insurance coverage litigation and reinsurance disputes.

Kenly is one of the few attorneys in Western Kentucky who regularly handles applications to register trademarks and copyrights. “Businesses invest heavily in building brands and developing products, services and marketing materials that consumers readily recognize. It makes good business sense to protect that investment by applying to register trademarks and copyrights, where possible, and by taking steps to prevent loss of trade secrets and other confidential information,” Kenly says. “It’s also important for businesses to defend their intellectual property against unauthorized use. That’s where I can help.”

Kenly and her husband are raising two sons and renovating a 100-year-old house in the downtown historic district. She enjoys her community volunteer commitments and her sons’ activities, and is grateful to be part of a firm that encourages both. “Bowling Green has proven to be a wonderful place to live,” Kenly says.

GOOGLE REVIEWS:

“I have worked with Kenly Ames at ELPO for probably close to 10 years and I recommend people to her regularly. She is very professional and also gives us clear and direct responses to our questions. I’ve also really appreciated how she often proactively checks on things that we may have forgotten about so that we

don't let important legal matters slip through the cracks.” –
Richard Fontenot

“As a small business owner, proper and experienced legal representation is paramount to our success and sustainability. When our local family attorney introduced me to Ms. Ames at ELPO, I was apprehensive in dealing with a new attorney. But those quickly evaporated as I found Ms. Ames and the entire firm very professional, knowledgeable, and easy to work with. In a very short time, Ms. Ames has become my trusted advisor, whom I rely on for sound advice in all aspects of business across all of my companies. I highly recommend her to any business owner.” – David Ogles

Credentials

Education

- Columbia University School of Law, J.D., 1994
- Columbia Law Review (Note Editor)
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., summa cum laude, 1991
- Phi Beta Kappa

Admission

- Kentucky, 2003
- Massachusetts, 1997
- New York, 1995
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Affiliations

- American, Kentucky and Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Associations
- Federal Bar Association, Kentucky Chapter (Past President)
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member of the Rules Committee of the Kentucky Supreme Court; Chair of the E-Rules Subcommittee
- Kentucky Bar Association, member of the Board for the Civil Litigation Section
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), Member, 2020

Community Involvement

- Capitol Arts Alliance (Former Director)

- United Way of Southern Kentucky (Former Director)
- Community Action of Southern Kentucky, Foster Grandparents Advisory Council (former member)
- Leadership Bowling Green, 2004
- Leadership Kentucky, 2010
- United Way of Southern Kentucky, Grant Allocations Volunteer - Kindergarten Readiness (2009 - present)

Insights

News

- Kenly Ames to Moderate KBA Program