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Firm chair Kevin Lauri guides the overall growth and strategic direction of Jackson Lewis while ensuring the firm's path never veers from the firm's collaborative culture and dedication to exceptional client service.

Throughout his various leadership roles at the firm over the last 25 years, Kevin's mission has been to serve people – the employers he advises and defends and the extended Jackson Lewis family he supports. He has made it his mission to ensure every Jackson Lewis attorney provides consistent, high quality service to each and every firm client in a way that meets their unique legal and business needs.

Kevin has always had a passion for client development and understands the need to deliver client service to employers based on their unique needs and goals. During his time on the Board of Directors, Jackson Lewis expanded its client service initiative and formalized [Client Service Standards](#) to ensure every member of the firm is actively invested in providing the highest quality of client service on a daily basis, and understands the critical need to become an extension of the client's team.

An instrumental part of the firm since 1995, Kevin served on the firm's Finance Committee in addition to serving on Jackson Lewis' Board of Directors since 2011. In 2009 he was elected office managing principal of the firm's New York City office, holding that role for ten years until he was elected firm chair in 2019. In these roles he was the driving force behind countless initiatives to improve Jackson Lewis' expansion and profitability efforts.

Before assuming responsibility for Jackson Lewis' day-to-day administration and management, Kevin served as the firm's primary relationship manager for multiple Fortune 100 companies, including IBM, beginning in 1999; Pfizer, beginning in 2001; one of the world's largest information technology companies; and a multinational investment bank and financial services corporation. In these roles Kevin was responsible for ensuring consistent quality and efficient representation on matters throughout the country and where his commitment to creating true partnerships with clients became his personal client service model.

Kevin also represented employers in state and federal courts and administrative actions including race, gender, religious, national origin, age, and disability discrimination; sexual harassment; retaliation; defamation; public policy violations; wage and hour; breach of contract; and claims involving restrictive covenants and trade secrets. His practice included the defense of single and multi-plaintiff cases, as well as collective and class actions.

Honors and Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Employment Law - Management" and "Litigation - Labor and Employment" (2020-present)

Practices

- Life Sciences
- Litigation

Education

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. 1990
- State University of New York at Binghamton, B.A. 1987

Admitted to Practice

- 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals
2002
- New York - E.D. N.Y. 1991
- New York - S.D. N.Y. 1991
- New York - W.D. N.Y. 2004
- New York 1991

- *Legal 500 USA*, "Leader in the Field" and "Recommended Attorney" (2019-present)
- *Martindale-Hubbell®*, "AV Preeminent® - Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence" (2012-present)
- *New York Super Lawyers®*, "Super Lawyers" (2012-present)
- The Practical Law Company, "Recommended" attorney in New York (2006-2012)