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OVERVIEW

Jim Segerdahl served as Global Managing Partner of K&L Gates from March 2017 to July 2025, concluding his leadership role after two successful terms. During his tenure as Global Managing Partner the firm achieved significant growth and recognition in the areas of financial performance; client service, growth, development and satisfaction; innovation; talent attraction and retention; expansion into new markets; practice capabilities and excellence; and community service. Prior to serving as Global Managing Partner, Jim served for a number of years as General Counsel of the firm, helping to navigate a period of substantial growth in markets around the world. A distinguished litigator, Jim has handled a variety of complex litigation and related advice and counseling matters regarding a wide range of commercial issues. Recognized as a leading insurance coverage lawyer by "*The Best Lawyers in America*," he has represented Fortune 500 and other large policyholder clients in significant matters involving hundreds of millions of dollars and bet the company scenarios. Jim has litigated on behalf of clients in jurisdictions across the country, has written and lectured extensively on insurance coverage and other issues, and is a co-author of *Policyholder's Guide to the Law of Insurance Coverage* (1997), a treatise published by Aspen Law & Business and updated annually.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Board Member: Allegheny Conference on Community Development
- Board Member: United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- American Bar Association (Litigation and Tort and Insurance Practice Sections)
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Registered Foreign Lawyer in the United Kingdom

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1987 *(magna cum laude; University of Pittsburgh Law Review)*

- B.A., Grove City College, 1984

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- May 2022, May 2022 Accolades

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Recent Developments in Buildings' Risk Insurance Coverage: *M.A. Mortenson Co. v. Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America*," *Mealey's Litigation Report: Construction Defects*, March 2000, and republished in *Mealey's Litigation Report: Emerging Insurance Disputes*
- "Liability Insurance for the Policyholder's Alleged Negligence." Can Policyholder's Really Lose Coverage Because of a Third Party's State of Mind?," *Journal of Insurance Coverage*, Autumn 1999
- "Insurance Coverage for Business Torts," *of Insurance Coverage*, Winter 1998
- "Policyholder's Guide to the Law of Insurance Coverage," *Aspen*, 1997
- "The Choice-of-Law Dispute in Comprehensive Environmental Coverage Litigation: Has Help Arrived from the American Law Institute Complex Litigation Project?," *Louisiana Law Review*, March 1994

NEWS & EVENTS

- 27 May 2025, K&L Gates Announces New Leadership Team
- 6 January 2025, K&L Gates Names Nearly 35 New Partners, Of Counsel, and Policy Professionals Across Firm
- 7 November 2024, Best Law Firms Recognizes K&L Gates as Securities Regulation "Law Firm of the Year," One of Nearly 185 First-Tier Practice Rankings for Firm
- 2 January 2024, K&L Gates Names Nearly 30 Partners, Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm
- 2 November 2023, Best Law Firms Again Recognizes K&L Gates as Corporate "Law Firm of the Year," One of More Than 180 First-Tier Practice Rankings for Firm
- 23 January 2023, K&L Gates Bolsters Corporate/Private Equity Practice With Addition of Seven-Partner Team in Pittsburgh Office

- 4 January 2023, K&L Gates Expands Global Footprint, Financial Services Client Offerings With Establishment of Dublin Office
- 19 December 2022, K&L Gates Adds 40 Lawyers to Firm's Partnership
- 4 November 2022, K&L Gates to Hold First Retreat for Diverse Lawyers From Across Firm's U.S. Offices
- 3 November 2022, Annual "Best Law Firms" Report Names K&L Gates 2023 "Law Firm of the Year" in Commercial Litigation, One of 170 First-Tier Practice Rankings for Firm
- 18 October 2022, K&L Gates Earns Mansfield Rule 5.0 Certification Plus Status
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 24 May 2022, K&L Gates Adds Four-Partner, Multi-Office Premier Renewable Energy Team
- 1 March 2022, K&L Gates Names Nearly 40 New Partners, Of Counsel, and Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm
- 4 November 2021, *U.S. News*-Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Names K&L Gates 2022 Corporate "Law Firm of the Year," One of 165 First-Tier Practice Rankings for Firm in Latest Report
- 19 October 2021, K&L Gates Establishes Global Policy Recognizing Diversity Hours for Lawyers
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 6 July 2021, K&L Gates Continues Strategic Growth, Combining With Luxembourg Firm Volckrick & Associates to Establish Firm's Eighth European Office
- 23 March 2021, K&L Gates Honors Longtime Leader Peter Kalis With Chairman Emeritus Status
- 3 February 2021, K&L Gates Launches Nashville Office With Hire of 25+ Lawyers
- 24 November 2020, Retired Longtime K&L Gates Partner Dick Thornburgh Honored with DOJ Award Namesake
- 2 November 2020, Numerous K&L Gates Diverse and Women Lawyers Recognized for Leadership and Legal Accomplishments
- 19 August 2020, K&L Gates Mourns Passing of Longtime Of Counsel, Former U.S. Senator and Washington State Attorney General Slade Gorton
- 6 July 2020, K&L Gates Corporate M&A Practice Again Among Top Rated in the United States by The Legal 500 with Rankings in Seven Categories and 34 Lawyers Recommended
- 25 June 2020, K&L Gates Congratulates Retired Partner Bill Neukom on Receipt of ABA Medal
- 24 February 2020, K&L Gates Names 41 New Partners Across Global Platform

- 1 November 2019, *U.S. News* "Best Law Firms" Rankings Recognize K&L Gates as Corporate "Law Firm of the Year"
- 4 October 2019, K&L Gates, Numerous Lawyers Honored for Diversity, Legal Leadership
- 15 August 2019, K&L Gates Welcomes Four-Lawyer Environmental and Mass Tort Litigation, Regulatory Team in Newark Office
- 1 August 2019, K&L Gates Adopts Leave Re-Integration, Enhanced Parental Leave Policies
- 10 July 2019, K&L Gates Litigation Partner Confirmed to Judgeship with U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- 19 March 2019, K&L Gates Thanks Retiring Longtime Partner Dick Thornburgh for Six Decades of Service to Firm, Public
- 22 March 2018, K&L Gates Adds Five-Lawyer Energy Team in Texas
- 19 September 2016, K&L Gates Announces New Firm Leaders, Effective March 2017

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "The 2022 Pittsburgh Power 100," *City & State Pennsylvania*, 11 April 2022
- Mentioned, “The 2020 Power 100,” *Pittsburgh Business Times*, 17 January 2020

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Professional Liability