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OVERVIEW

Bill Kirk, a partner at K&L Gates, represents clients before Congress and Executive Branch agencies with emphasis on tax, financial services, corporate, and transportation and infrastructure matters. Bill's clients include public and private entities such as major corporations and national trade associations for whom he provides policy analysis and strategic advice and engages in advocacy with the Congress and Executive Branch agencies. He also has significant experience representing emerging and middle market firms on legal and policy matters (e.g., minority and women-owned companies) and investment firms, including venture capital funds and their management teams. Bill also advises clients on diversity and inclusion issues.

Prior to private legal practice, Bill enjoyed a distinguished career as a Congressional staff member, including positions as an advisor to Congressman John Conyers (D-MI) and as a senior staff member of the House Ways and Means Committee including serving as Staff Director of the Committee's Oversight panel then chaired by Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY). He serves on the steering committee of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Political Action Committee (PAC). Bill is also a board member and counsel to the CBC Political Education and Leadership Institute. Bill is a graduate of Swarthmore College (B.A.) and of Georgetown University Law Center (J.D.).

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *The Hill*'s: Top Lobbyists 2023, *The Hill*, December 2023
- Recognized by Lawyers of Color as the Top Lobbyist and Influencers, 2023

EDUCATION

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1981
- B.A., Swarthmore College, 1974

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 6 March 2024, SEC Issues Long-Awaited Climate Risk Disclosure Rule
- 1 February 2024, January 2024 Accolades
- 14 December 2023, The EU CS3D Trilogue Nears Conclusion
- 9 November 2023, California Enacts Landmark ESG Legislation
- 5 September 2023, GOP ESG Bills Await US House Floor Consideration
- 27 June 2023, House GOP ESG Working Group; Interim Report Released
- 25 January 2023, January 2023 Accolades
- 14 November 2022, SEC Adopts Final Rule Requiring Additional Proxy Voting Disclosures
- 28 July 2022, Déjà Vu All Over Again: SEC Reverses 2020 Proxy Rules Changes and Proposes Shareholder Proposal Rule Changes
- 23 March 2022, SEC Issues Climate-Related Risk Disclosure Rule Proposal
- January 2022, January 2022 Accolades
- 7 June 2021, Biden Administration ESG Activity Accelerates
- 14 May 2021, SEC to Move Quickly on Proposed ESG Disclosures
- April 2021, April 2021 Accolades
- 17 December 2020, The Future of Financial Services Regulation
- 2 December 2020, After the Election: What Can and Will Get Done?
- 19 November 2020, Election Briefing: Consumer Industry Outlook
- 12 August 2020, Biden Proposals - The Big Picture
- 16 July 2020, DOL Issues Proposed Rule on ESG Investing for ERISA Plans: Part 1: History and State of Play
- 18 June 2020, Conversations About Race: Derrick Johnson
- 1 June 2020, COVID-19: The Fed Clarifies Main Street Lending Program Eligibility Criteria; Additional Changes Are on the Way
- 4 May 2020, COVID-19: Federal Reserve Expands the Main Street Lending Program

- 14 April 2020, COVID-19: The Federal Reserve Announces New and Expanded Liquidity Facilities to Provide $2.3 Trillion in Funding
- 6 April 2020, COVID-19: Update on the SBA Paycheck Protection Program
- 1 April 2020, COVID-19: The Federal Reserve Establishes the FIMA Repo Facility to Maintain Stability of U.S. Dollar-Denominated Wholesale Financial Markets
- 23 March 2020, COVID-19: The Federal Reserve Establishes Three New Liquidity Facilities and Expands the Scope of Two Existing Liquidity Facilities
- 19 March 2020, COVID-19: The Federal Reserve Board Establishes a Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility
- 18 March 2020, COVID-19 Response: Financial Regulators Seek to Blunt Impact with Emergency Measures
- 13 March 2020, COVID-19: How The Tax Code Can Help The Economy Recover
- 10 March 2020, COVID-19: Grassley: "Targeted Tax Relief" Being Considered to Counter Economic Effects of Coronavirus Spread
- 25 September 2019, In the Weeds: House Moves Toward Opening Banks to Cannabis-Related Legitimate Businesses
- 19 September 2019, With CCPA Looming on the Horizon, Congress Continues Its Push for Privacy Legislation
- 18 July 2019, K&L Gates Responds to the Federal Reserve's Rulemaking on Control Proceedings
- 2 July 2019, Federal Agencies Seek Input on Regulation of Automated Vehicles: Add Your Voice
- 6 February 2019, Five Questions You Should Be Asking as Congress Takes on Privacy Legislation
- 14 November 2018, Congressional Investigations 101
- 14 September 2018, A Decade Later; Could It Happen Again?
- 10 July 2018, Dodd-Frank Reform 2.0
- 1 February 2018, FHFA and Senate Proposals Bring GSE Reform Into Sharper Focus
- 16 January 2018, Housing Finance Reform: The Stars Are Aligning
- 12 January 2018, The Dodd-Frank Reform Endgame
- 22 November 2017, Dodd-Frank Reform Efforts Intensify
- 21 November 2017, Dodd-Frank Reform Efforts Intensify
- 30 October 2017, Treasury Reports Continue to Inform Dodd-Frank Reform Efforts
- 6 July 2017, Dodd-Frank Reform; What Comes Next?

- 23 May 2017, Financial Choice Act Is Expected to Move to the House Floor
- 21 April 2017, The Financial CHOICE Act 2.0, Legislative Text Revealed
- 10 January 2017, Waking Up from a Long Winter's Nap … the Border Adjustment Tax is the Sleeper Issue in the House Republican Tax Reform Blueprint
- 27 June 2016, The Financial CHOICE Act; Legislative Text Revealed
- 23 June 2016, Details Emerge about the Financial CHOICE Act
- 16 June 2016, The Financial CHOICE Act; Dodd-Frank Reform (Not Repeal)
- 19 May 2016, House and Senate FAA Bills Take Diverging Flight Paths Toward Reauthorization
- 17 February 2016, Transformational FAA Proposal Taxis for Takeoff

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "SEC Issues Long-Awaited Climate Risk Disclosure Rule," *The National Law Review*, 6 March 2024

NEWS & EVENTS

- 4 October 2019, K&L Gates, Numerous Lawyers Honored for Diversity, Legal Leadership
- 22 July 2019, K&L Gates Washington, D.C., Partner Earns Lifetime Achievement Award

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "The Hill's 2022 Top Lobbyists (Excerpts)," *The Hill, Yahoo! News,* and *The Wichita Eagle*, 7 December 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Financial Services Policy
- US Congressional Investigations

INDUSTRIES

- Aviation
- Transportation and Logistics