



Tom Kirkendall

LAW OFFICE OF TOM KIRKENDALL
2 VIOLETTA CT
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS 77381-4550
281.364.9946
888.582.0646 (FAX)
713.703.3536 (MOBILE)
bigtkirk@kir.com (EMAIL)
<http://www.kir.com> (WEBSITE)
<http://blog.kir.com> (WEBLOG)

Tom Kirkendall has been a leading expert in complex business litigation matters in the Houston, Texas area for the past 28 years.

Born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa, Mr. Kirkendall moved to Houston in 1972 and worked his way through college and law school. He received a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in 1975 from the University of Houston and a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1979 from the University of Houston Law Center.

After working for one of Houston's oldest downtown law firms for two years immediately after law school, Mr. Kirkendall at the age of 28 was one of the founding partners in 1981 of the Houston business litigation boutique firm that bore his name and became prominent over the next 20 years in complex business litigation matters in Houston and throughout Texas. After serving as one of the principal lawyers and the managing partner in that firm, Mr. Kirkendall established a solo practice in 2000 in which he concentrates on (i) personalized representation of clients in complex business litigation matters, (ii) utilization of technology applications in such litigation, and (iii) providing "gatekeeper" services for large business clients and individuals in the coordination and management of complex business litigation and reorganization matters.

Mr. Kirkendall has represented a wide variety of clients in complex business litigation and reorganizations in state and federal courts throughout Texas and the United States. Mr. Kirkendall's practice has involved trials and appeals in such diverse litigation areas as corporate reorganization and bankruptcy, white collar-business criminal cases and corporate investigations, anti-trust, securities and business fraud, real estate, construction, oil and gas, insurance disputes, civil rights, First Amendment issues, defense of civil and criminal contempt matters, and defense of individuals in NCAA Infractions Committee hearings.

Mr. Kirkendall has been an author and lecturer for the State Bar of Texas Advanced Bankruptcy Seminar and the Houston Bar Association in various areas of business litigation and corporate reorganization law. He also lectures regularly on a variety of business litigation matters at the University of Houston Law Center and the University of Texas Law School, and regularly lectures on business litigation topics for continuing education classes for private companies and citizen groups.

Since February 2004, Mr. Kirkendall has maintained the popular *Houston's Clear Thinkers* weblog (<http://blog.kir.com>), which addresses issues of interest to the Houston legal, business, medical and academic communities. Mr. Kirkendall's blog writings – particularly in the areas of business litigation and the criminalization of corporate and business interests – are regularly cited by experts in those fields throughout the World Wide Web. Through his blog writings, Mr. Kirkendall has become a leading advocate against the increasing unrestrained use of the government's criminal power to regulate business transactions and corporate policies.

Mr. Kirkendall maintains an "AV" rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory, which is the highest rating of that service. He is admitted to practice before all Texas state courts, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Texas, and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the American, Texas, Houston, and Fifth Circuit Bar Associations, the American Bar Association Litigation and Business Law Sections, the State Bar of Texas Litigation, Appellate, Bankruptcy Law, Antitrust and Business Litigation, and Computer & Technology Sections, and the Houston Bar Association Litigation, Appellate, Federal Practice, and Bankruptcy Sections. Mr. Kirkendall is a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation, a Sustaining Life Member of the A.A. White Society of the University of Houston Law Center, a Life Member of the University of Houston Alumni Association, and a founding board member of the University of Houston Athletics Foundation.

Mr. Kirkendall has neither applied for certification, nor is he certified, as a specialist by the State Bar of Texas. Mr. Kirkendall has been married to Susan Schearer Kirkendall for 25 years, and they reside with their four college-age children in The Woodlands, which is a suburban community 30 miles north of downtown Houston.

Mr. Kirkendall provides client references upon request.