



Copeland Stair Kingma & Lovell, LLP is pleased to announce our 2021 Best Lawyer's®, Lawyer of the Year award winners!

Johannes S. Kingma recognized as Best Lawyers® 2021 Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Atlanta, GA

Joe founded the three-state, eighteen-lawyer, CSKL Attorney-Malpractice Team. He defends International, National and Regional law firms, frequently in cases arising from complex financial transactions. He has tried dozens of Professional Liability cases to verdict and is an elected Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Joe has been named one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Georgia four (4) times and has defended law firms in courts from Florida to New York and South Carolina to Arkansas. He was appointed by the President of the American Bar Association to its Lawyers Professional Liability Standing Committee and has given risk management presentations for law firms across the country.

Joe is most proud of the talented lawyers at CSKL who defend law firms, "Our work is a team sport, and it is fun to play with such a talented team. We are privileged to represent great law firm clients. "

Kent T. Stair recognized as Best Lawyers® 2021 Litigation - Construction "Lawyer of the Year" in Charleston, SC

Kent began his practice in Atlanta in 1976 and during the latter part of the 1990's took the South Carolina Bar exam and opened our firm's South Carolina office in Hilton Head with his cell phone and laptop. A year later the office was moved to Charleston and over the years the firm has grown to be among the 25 largest in the State.

For the last 38 years, the focus of Kent's practice has been on the representation of design professionals in every aspect of their professional undertakings. He maintains active practices in South Carolina and Georgia and over the years has, at some time, had the pleasure of representing most of the larger architectural and engineering firms in each of those States, many of the national firms in both design disciplines, and a multitude of smaller firms of every size and type.

Since 2006, Kent has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, and in 2015 he was named Construction Law – Lawyer of the Year in Charleston. Since 2004, Kent has been an honoree on the *Georgia Super Lawyers*® list, being named three times to the list of top 100 attorneys in that State. Kent has also been named to the list of *South Carolina Super Lawyers*® since 2008. He recognizes that his name would not be on any of those lists were it not for the efforts of every lawyer, paralegal and staff member with whom he has worked. After 44 years, Kent still loves what he does and attributes that to his career-long privilege of association with the highest quality of professional people in the fields of design and law.