

2018 Distinguished Alumnus

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Kevin Lipson is a partner at Hogan Lovells in the Houston office, where he is immersed in the energy industry representing interstate natural gas pipelines, trading floors, electric utilities and other industry participants. He also manages the law firm's global client relationships with Ford Motor Co. and Bank of America and serves as the chair of the Hogan Lovells Global Energy Summit.

At the earliest stages of his career, Kevin decided to specialize in the energy sector and has devoted his entire career to that industry. He first worked for several years as an associate in the D.C. office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius. In 1983, Kevin was one of the founding lawyers of Newman & Holtzinger. In 1994, Kevin and a group of lawyers joined the D.C. office of Hogan & Hartson. Kevin served as head of the firm's global energy practice from 1995-2010, and upon the combination of firms that created Hogan Lovells, he was head of the U.S. energy practice and global co-head of the Energy Industry Group from 2010-2012.

Kevin and Irv Shapell, JD '79, co-founded The Jewish Advocacy Center in 1982, which existed to bring civil damage actions against the perpetrators of anti-Semitic violence. Kevin and Irv represented a Maryland synagogue that had been desecrated with Nazi symbols. In 1984, The United States Supreme Court unanimously held that the protections of the federal civil

rights statutes were available to Jewish victims of hate crimes. The JAC represented the synagogue in the matter in the lower courts, and Irv and Kevin served as co-counsel in the Supreme Court.

Kevin earned his bachelor's degree from George Washington University and was the articles editor for the law review. As an alumnus, he has served as a national council member, university campaign volunteer, facilitated a D.C. event with Chief Justice John Roberts and created the Lipson Scholar in Law annual scholarship.

Kevin has been recognized regularly by his peers as a leading lawyer in Chambers, Legal 500, Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers. He and his wife, Jan, MA '79, have two sons, Ben, AB '07, and Sam, AB '10. The couple lives in Houston, Texas, and Port Clyde, Maine.