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Overview

Mike Kuzma advises companies on a diverse range of corporate transactions, developing agile solutions to assist with critical business elements ranging from entity setup and governance issues to asset and equity transactions. He also maintains a robust real estate practice in which he counsels owners, developers, landlords, and tenants on all aspects of complex commercial real estate transactions, including the leasing, purchase, and sale of real property.

With extensive experience in Japanese eDiscovery forged early in his career, Mike works with a diverse client base across both the U.S. and Japan. He is a valuable asset when conducting due diligence or investigations involving Japanese language data and documents, having earned an Advanced Japanese Linguistics Certificate from the prestigious Japanese Ministry of Education's Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program prior to his legal career.

In addition to his primary focus areas, Mike has deep experience in antitrust litigation, spending years working on the largest criminal antitrust investigation in U.S. history. He has also established a practice in the insurance sector, aiding Nebraska domestic insurance companies in complying with applicable state and federal regulatory laws, multidisciplinary experience which lends itself to a comprehensive perspective as he navigates a wide variety of casework.

Before entering private practice, Mike notably assisted in managing the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development's trade office in Tokyo, Japan, and helped establish another trade office in Shanghai, China.

Education

- University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D.), *with distinction*
- Nebraska Wesleyan University (B.A.), *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Nebraska

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska

Community Involvement

- Matters On Tomorrow, Co-Founder & Chairman of the Board, 2008-present
- Nebraska Wesleyan University, Business Law I and II, Adjunct Professor, 2014-2018

Distinctions

- Japanese Ministry of Education, Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program (JET), 2005-2007
 - Advanced Japanese Linguistics Certificate

Memberships

- Nebraska Bar Association

Presentations and Publications

- ["What if You Just Bought an Existing Business Instead of Starting One?"](#) *Prairie Founders Club* Podcast, February 2026
- "M&A for American Small Businesses," Senshu University, January 2016
- "An Introduction to Carbon Emissions Taxes and the Possible Effects of the American Clean Energy and Security Act," *Tax Notes*, October 2009
- "Kicking the Habit: Nebraska's 1905 Anti-Cigarette Law," *Nebraska History Magazine*, July 2005

Related Experience

- Served as outside discovery counsel to three co-lead counsel for the direct purchaser plaintiffs in a long-running, multi-district class action lawsuit alleging price-fixing and bid-rigging by numerous automotive parts suppliers which emerged from the largest criminal antitrust investigation in U.S. history. This included 41 separate actions against more than 160 defendants, each involving different auto parts, different anticompetitive agreements, different conspirators, and different timelines, and resulted in the recovery of more than \$1.2 billion in settlements for victims.
- Conducted comparative analysis of state insurance laws dealing with insurance Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Own Self Risk Assessment (ORSA) against Japanese ERM and ORSA laws and regulations published by the Japanese Financial Services Administration.