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Practice Summary

Stephen Kulp (he/him) is an accomplished civil and commercial litigator, trusted advisor, and strategic advocate for individuals and businesses. As a partner at Murphy Sanchez, Stephen provides high-level representation across a range of practice areas, including real estate, business litigation and counseling, outside general counsel services for closely held businesses, and transactions. His pragmatic, solutions-driven approach allows him to achieve favorable outcomes for clients facing complex legal challenges.

Before joining the firm, Stephen was the founder and principal of Kulp Legal LLC, where he built a reputation for strategic counsel and effective advocacy. He is recognized for his keen analytical skills, meticulous attention to detail, and ability to craft creative legal solutions. Whether resolving disputes through negotiation, mediation, or arbitration, or advocating fiercely in litigation, Stephen is committed to protecting his clients' interests.

In addition to his legal practice, Stephen is a champion for diversity, equity, and inclusion. He has held leadership roles in numerous organizations, making history as the first AAPI elected Chair of the Philadelphia LGBTQ Bar Association and the first openly LGBTQ+ and AAPI attorney elected to the Philadelphia Bar Association's Board of Governors, where he served as Chair in 2024-2025. He also serves on the boards of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania, the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association, and the Independence Business Alliance. Additionally, he co-chairs the Asian American Adoptee Network at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Stephen's advocacy and professional excellence have earned him widespread recognition from esteemed organizations, including Drexel University, the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association, AL DÍA News, *The Legal Intelligencer*, the International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges, the National Diversity Council, the Philadelphia Bar Association, and the Delaware Valley Legacy Fund. His accolades include *"40 Under 40," "Lawyer on the Fast Track,"* the *"Friendship and Ally Award,"* the *"Pennsylvania LGBTQ+ Leadership Award,"* the *"Cheryl Ingram Award,"* and the *"DVLF HERO Award." City & State Pennsylvania* has also recognized him as one of Pennsylvania's Top 100 legal minds, a Top 100 LGBTQ+ leader, and a Top 100 AAPI leader.

Stephen remains committed to excellence in the legal profession, staying at the forefront of legal developments and leveraging his expertise to advocate for his clients and the broader community.

Admissions

New Jersey Pennsylvania U.S. District Court of the District of New Jersey U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Educational Background

Drexel University, B.S. (2010) Drexel University School of Law, J.D. (2013)

Practice Areas

Auto and Trucking Premises Liability Restaurant, Retail & Hospitality Construction Litigation Commercial Litigation Real Estate Fractional Outside General Counsel LGBTQ+ Legal Services