

BIO: PROFESSOR KEVIN J. GREENE

A graduate of the Yale Law School and a veteran of the United States Marines, Professor Kevin J. Greene is a Visiting Professor at California Western School of Law.

Professor Greene's scholarship in the areas of copyright, trademark and publicity rights has garnered national and international recognition in the intellectual property ("IP") arena, particularly his pioneering work on African-American music and copyright law. His scholarship has twice been selected as among the best IP law review articles, in 2008 for a right of publicity article and in 2015 for an article on idea misappropriation in Hollywood.

Before becoming a law professor, Greene practiced law in New York at the premier firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, where he represented high profile companies such as Time Warner and HBO.

He also worked at New York's top entertainment law boutique firm, where he represented clients including film production companies and record labels, including Director Spike Lee, Def Jam Records, and iconic music artists Harry Connick, Jr., Bobby Brown and the seminal rap group Public Enemy.

Professor Greene was the first law professor voted a Top Ten attorney by the San Diego Bar in the field of IP in 2005. In 2009, he took first-place honors in a charity comedy competition, "LAF-Off" ("Lawyers Are Funny)."

Professor Greene serves as an expert witness consultant in IP and Contracts cases. In 2014, Professor Greene served as an expert consultant for funk music legend George Clinton in a landmark copyright case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In 2017, he served as an expert in a copyright case involving the issue of grand performance rights. In 2020, Professor Greene was the lead IP expert in a landmark \$9.5 million jury trial on the issue of contracts and the right of publicity.

In 2016, the Intellectual Property Institute of the State Bar of California selected Professor Greene for its highest honor, the Vanguard Award in the category of Academics.

In 2018, Professor Greene was elected as a member of the American Bar Foundation ("ABF").

In 2020, Professor Greene was selected by the National Bar Association as one of the top 100 African-American attorneys in California.

Also, in 2020, Professor Greene was selected as the Honorary Intellectual Property Law Advisor, and a Fellow (Honors) of the United Sigma Intelligence Association, an international think tank.