

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Kenneth E. Newman '67

Ken Newman is Senior of Counsel to the international law firm Covington & Burling, LLP. Ken joined Covington after having retired from a three-decade career with The Walt Disney Company, during which he served most recently as its Associate General Counsel and Chairman of its Competition Law Practice Group. Ken joined Disney in 1995, starting out as Vice President, Eastern Regional Counsel and was promoted shortly thereafter to Senior Vice President and in 2012 to Associate General Counsel and Chair of the Competition Law Practice Group. In that capacity, Ken had responsibility for all competition and consumer protection matters worldwide for all Disney business units. Among other things, he led the regulatory clearance process for all major mergers and acquisitions, including the acquisitions of 21st Century Fox, Pixar, Marvel, Lucasfilm, and many other domestic and foreign transactions. He has appeared as Disney's representative before regulatory agencies in the United States and abroad—including the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission and Federal Communications Commission, European Commission, United Kingdom Competition Commission, the French Conseil de la Concurrence, the Competition Commission of India, Korea Fair Trade Commission, and others. He has also worked closely with all segments of the Company to enable them to pursue important strategic initiatives. Ken also served as Chair of Disney's Northeast Crisis Management Executive Policy Team.

Before joining Disney, Ken was a partner in the international law firm Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine. At Donovan, Leisure, Ken represented some of the world's largest companies in antitrust, securities, and complex litigation matters, including Disney, Mobil Oil Company, American Cyanamid Company, General Electric, Kidde, and Tenneco Automotive—often working with top management of those clients on sensitive, impactful issues. He has been lead trial counsel in numerous jury and bench trials in federal and state courts throughout the country and has argued before appellate courts nationwide, also representing multi-national clients in government investigations before enforcement agencies. He also served a term as the firm's managing partner.



Ken started his career as a Trial Attorney in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice as a member of the Attorney General's Honor Program, where he handled criminal and civil cases in courts around the country. He graduated with honors from St. John's University Law School, where he was an editor of the *Law Review*--the first student in the history of St. John's evening division to be elected to the *Law Review*—and a St. Thomas More Scholar. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Queens College, where he was active in student government, President of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity, and was a recipient of the Queens College President's Medal. Before his retirement from Disney, Ken was a long-time member of the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of New York.

Ken was born and raised in New York City, where he still resides with his wife, Michele. They have three sons, Doug (Jenkintown, PA), Jason (Muncie, IN) and Greg (Los Angeles, CA) and two grandsons, Stanley and Lenny.