

Kemper Arnold graduated from Denison University, Class of 1971, with a double major in Psychology and English. In spite of an interest in continuing his education, his path to the CSU College of Law and the legal profession became a winding, less traveled road. In 1969, Arnold, an avid scuba diver inspired by Jacques Cousteau in the early-sixties, was selected to join the National Geographic and University of Pennsylvania Mediterranean dive expedition to uncover and raise an ancient ship buried under the seafloor. The 4th Century BC Greek ship discovered by a Greek sponge diver in 1963 was a mile off the northern coast of Cyprus, 100 feet below the surface. Known as the Kyrenia Shipwreck, it is the oldest ship's hull ever dug out of the seafloor, recovered and preserved in its own museum. The expedition was further documented in National Geographic issues from June 1970 and November 1974.

This adventure led to a career in the diving industry, first investing in the purchase of a 130-foot decommissioned, World War II mine sweeper with a group of experienced marine salvage divers and sailors, pursuing dive opportunities off the shores of the southern states and the Caribbean. Thereafter, Arnold joined an established diving enterprise based in the Midwest which provided diving instruction, wholesale and retail dive equipment sales, and commercial diving expertise in a multi-state area. "My diving instruction and commercial diving challenges kept me quite busy, and in 1973 I was appointed the Great Lakes Scuba Commissioner, responsible for diving education, and the evolving equipment design and testing of new dive equipment and underwater propulsion vehicles for the manufacturing community nationwide." By 1977, Arnold felt it was time to dry himself off from the underwater world and take on a new challenge, so he chose to continue his educational path at Cleveland State College of Law, receiving his JD and passing the Bar Exam in 1980.

Referred by a CSU Law professor, Arnold began his legal career at Berkman, Gordon, Murray and Palda. After almost five years of practicing law in both state and federal court, he was presented with the opportunity to join his current firm, Vantage Financial Group, initially as in-house counsel, and later, as a principal of the firm. His focus has been working with individuals and business owners, offering over 35 years of experience in estate planning, investment planning and asset management, insurance and risk management, executive benefits design, and business succession planning.

Arnold earned the designations of Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP®) in 2015, and Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) in 2016. He received the President's

Award from the National Society of Financial Service Professionals for his service, 2014 -2015, and was recognized as the Financial Services Planner of the Year by the Cleveland-Akron Society of Financial Service Professionals in June, 2017. As head of Vantage Settlement Advisory Group which provides Litigation Consulting and Class Action Administration, he continues to work closely with members of the legal community who seek his knowledge and expertise in planning strategies dealing with various types of litigation settlements. A devastating, life changing accident in 1974 resulting in multiple surgeries, physical therapy, and rehabilitation over several years introduced him to the community of individuals suffering from a wide range of injuries and disabilities. That exposure had a profound impact on him and together with his expertise in litigation support, led to his significant involvement with the Special Needs community for which he has been an advisor and advocate for over 30 years.

Since his graduation from Cleveland State University College of Law, Arnold has maintained an active presence in the law school community. A Life Member of the CSU Law School Alumni Association since the mid 1980's, he has served in many roles. Mentor to in-coming first year law students for countless years, he was invited to serve as a Trustee in the early 1990's. He was appointed to the Executive Committee from 2008-2014 and received the CMLAA President's Award in 2012. At the request of the Association Board, Arnold established and chaired the needed Finance Committee from 2010-2013, and the Audit Committee in 2013-2014, to review and to objectively analyze the financial history and accounting procedures used by the Association, reporting the findings to the Executive Committee and full Board. Since 2015, Arnold has been an Honorary Trustee of the CSU Law Alumni Association.

Arnold is a Past President of the Cleveland-Akron Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland. In addition, he is also a member of, and has been a frequent speaker for the Ohio Association for Justice, the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, (formerly known as the Cleveland Bar Association and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association) and the Supreme Court Judicial College of Probate Judges.

