

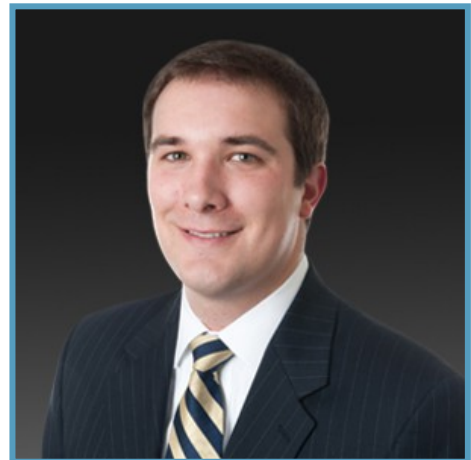


Philadelphia VIP proudly recognizes **Kevin Koscil** for going above and beyond by *answering the call to serve.*

Thank you Kevin!
December 2016 Volunteer of the Month

A Philly-based small business owner faced tax issues that were largely out of his control, but threatened to close down his business. Then Philly VIP volunteer Kevin Koscil stepped in. An experienced tax attorney at White and Williams LLP, Kevin worked with the IRS to get the hardworking entrepreneur's taxes placed into a non-collectable status. Now the compassionate attorney has turned to his client's state and local tax issues.

"Kevin works tirelessly to get the best possible result," says Alison Merrick, VIP's Community and Economic Development Coordinator. "Kevin has taken the initiative and brought important case issues to VIP's attention. Receiving notice of these matters can benefit a client's well-being before a problem gets out of hand," she explains. In his current case, when an issue arose that was outside of the scope of his representation and skill set, Kevin proactively contacted VIP and other members of his law firm, eventually enlisting a pair of attorneys at his firm to assist. "White and Williams is very supportive of pro bono service, and I'm extremely grateful to my colleagues who stepped up to join the team" says Kevin.



An Associate at White and Williams LLP, Kevin advises individuals and businesses on a broad range of federal, state, local and international tax matters. His practice also focuses on estate planning and administration where he is relied upon for sophisticated and up-to-date tax analysis and planning. The Villanova Law School graduate is entering his ninth year with the firm, but even with his busy career and young family (he just welcomed a new baby boy, his second, last week) he continues to be a dedicated VIP volunteer.

Since 2009, Kevin has taken case after case, proving his generosity and commitment to pro bono service. Normal VIP cases range from around 15-30 hours, but early in his career Kevin spent over 120 hours on a homeownership case that spanned several years to ensure a successful outcome for his client. He's not afraid to take cases that go on for years and nothing seems to faze him when it comes to difficult matters that arise. "I would recommend VIP unequivocally," Kevin says. "Cases are both interesting and challenging, and they give me great practical experience. I'm always learning. More importantly, I feel that pro bono is an important part of our professional responsibility and VIP's clients are always so appreciative, which makes it very rewarding."

Kevin is a dedicated volunteer who is committed to helping his community. We applaud his partnership in helping VIP achieve access to justice for all.