

Litigation and Arbitration

The firm handles major cases in federal and state trial and appellate courts, before government agencies, and in a wide variety of domestic and international arbitration settings. Our experience in civil litigation covers a number of substantive areas, including antitrust and unfair competition, bankruptcy litigation and counseling, mass torts, class action defense, commercial disputes, directors and officers litigation, employment, health care litigation, partnership disputes, products liability, real estate and construction litigation, and securities litigation.

Our attorneys have significant experience handling appeals before federal and state appellate courts across the country and regularly represent organizations as *amicus curiae* in appellate matters presenting legal questions with broad policy implications. The firm has successfully handled appeals in cases where we represented a party in the lower court and in cases where we have specifically been brought in for our appellate proficiency. Many of our attorneys have also clerked for judges on numerous federal district and appellate courts.

With every dispute, in any forum, we offer thoughtful counseling before a decision is made to litigate, and we have substantial experience in negotiating favorable pre-litigation settlements for our clients where appropriate. If pre-litigation settlement is not feasible or advisable, we are skilled at using the pretrial process to put our cases in the best posture for disposition by motion, settlement, or trial. Our litigators are first-rate trial lawyers: we have successfully handled hundreds of trials, arbitration hearings, and administrative procedures in state and federal tribunals across the country and in every major type of arbitration forum. We have an outstanding record in high-stakes, high-profile litigation, including cases involving claimed damages in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Our trial experience helps us manage the discovery process efficiently and cost-effectively by keeping the focus on the facts that will advance our claims or defenses at trial. That focus – along with our intensity, creativity, and skillful negotiating – helps us settle cases on excellent terms.

Our litigation and arbitration team has been recognized in several leading rankings publications. *The Legal 500* described the firm's strong commitment to client service and praised us as "one of the best mid-sized firms." It also noted that the firm "differentiates itself by the creativity and flexibility it brings to its work, enabling it to handle disputes across an incredibly wide number of subject areas." *Chambers* recognized the firm's commercial litigation practice as highly regarded, noting that our "level of service is stellar" and our "work product is uniformly superb"; "a great firm with high quality across the board."