

Career Overview

Practice focused on high-stakes business disputes involving factually, legally and technically complex circumstances in diverse substantive areas, including design and construction; antitrust; federal trade regulation; securities litigation; commercial contract disputes; insurance coverage; intellectual property; shareholder derivative and class actions; and *qui tam* litigation. Represented clients such as general contractors; designers, manufacturers and distributors of industrial equipment and consumer goods; an ERP software company; a natural gas pipeline company; and a preeminent power plant A/E. Experience in state and federal courts and in domestic and international arbitration proceedings.

After formative years and partnership at McDermott, Will & Emery, practiced with elite Chicago litigation boutiques such as Hedlund & Hanley, Sperling & Slater, and Stein Ray LLP. A seasoned professional highly regarded for bringing rigor, insight and efficiency to the definition and resolution of complex business disputes.

Representative Matters

- Defended premier nuclear power plant architect/engineer in federal court against \$400 million claim for fraud and professional negligence — a bet-the-company case that ultimately settled for a few pennies on the dollar.
- Represented industrial process equipment designer in international arbitration against project owner, as well as in related litigation in Canada.
- Represented general contractor in arbitration in defense owner's claims for over \$125 million in damages for construction defects and delay, and in contractor's related claims against subcontractors and owner.
- Represented U.S. commercial vehicle manufacturer/distributor in international arbitration on its claims of wrongful termination and antitrust conspiracy.
- Defended consumer goods manufacturer in an FTC penalty test case under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.
- Represented executive defendants in SEC civil action alleging improper accounting practices.
- Represented both purchasers and sellers of businesses in litigation over post-closing adjustments.
- On behalf of family partnerships, brought state court action against major oil company for its breaches of multiple gasoline station leases in respect to environmental matters.
- In federal *qui tam* actions related to health care and pharmaceuticals, developed evidence that yielded substantial settlement recoveries.

Education

JD, University of Chicago (*cum laude*)
BA, Political Science, University of Chicago (*cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa)

Bar Admissions

Supreme Court of Illinois
US District Court, Northern District of Illinois