



## LITIGATION

The litigation attorneys at Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C. bring a wealth of experience, sound judgment, strategic insight, and a long record of successful results to the businesses and individuals we represent in a wide array of litigation matters in Chicago and across the United States.

### **Experienced Trial Counsel and Cost-Effective Advocacy**

Disputes are an unfortunate, yet inevitable, fact of doing business. Selecting the right litigation counsel to properly manage and efficiently resolve disputes is critical for any business. We understand that while our clients want their positions vindicated and their interests protected, “winning” is hollow and illusory if it comes at a cost that outweighs business objectives.

Burke Warren litigation attorneys provide seasoned advocacy aligned with our clients’ overall business, financial, and personal goals. Our trial lawyers are problem solvers who possess the skill, knowledge, and creativity to develop and implement litigation strategies tailored to achieve optimal outcomes as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

We understand that thoroughness, preparation, and a full understanding of the applicable facts and law in a dispute are indispensable to achieving a successful result, whether in the courtroom or at the negotiating table. But we also know that litigation does not take place in a vacuum and can impact our clients’ business matters unrelated to the case at hand.

That is why we seek to thoroughly understand each client’s concerns and objectives – their business imperatives or their personal motivations. By taking a comprehensive view of both the legal and business aspects of every case, we deliver a comprehensive assessment and evaluate the true costs, benefits, and risks of available options.

### **PROFESSIONALS**

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### Experienced, Successful Litigators For Every Type of Dispute

Burke Warren's litigators provide our clients with practical guidance that empowers them with the information they need to make informed decisions. Once we chart a course, our litigators leverage their considerable and diverse experience and personal dedication to provide the representation that has earned Burke Warren a long track record of success and the trust of clients nationwide.

Our litigators have experience in all types of commercial litigation, including:

- Business and contractual disputes
- Class action defense
- Consumer financial services litigation
- Real estate, land use, and construction litigation
- Franchise litigation
- Labor and employment disputes
- Partnership, and shareholder litigation
- Directors and officers lawsuits
- Antitrust, trade regulation, and unfair competition claims
- Trust and estate litigation
- Environmental litigation
- Trade secrets and proprietary information claims
- Healthcare litigation

Please contact firm partner and litigation practice chair **Aaron Stanton** to learn more about Burke Warren's litigation practice at (312) 840-7078 or [astanton@burkelaw.com](mailto:astanton@burkelaw.com).

### Experience

- Representing a commercial tenant in a dispute with a large commercial landlord as member of a litigation team that obtained full relief at trial that was affirmed on appeal.
- Obtaining summary judgment before trial for several real estate brokers who were accused of concealing defects, reducing their liability to zero.
- Securing a positive settlement for a Hong-Kong based manufacturer against a large American company after the company wrongfully blamed issues with its product on the

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### AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

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Class Action

Consumer Financial Services Litigation

Institutional Risk Management & Internal Investigations

Insurance Recovery

Partnership and Shareholder Disputes

Trust and Estate Litigation

### RELATED PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Labor and Employment



manufacturer, turning the case around from another firm through thorough and persuasive expert testimony.

- Securing a positive settlement for an American corporation against a French company for a defective machine, surgically applying a complicated patchwork of domestic and international law.
- Securing a positive outcome for a Chicago-based company in a high stakes Telephone Consumer Protection Act case with millions at stake.
- Representing former real estate agents in a class action Illinois Wage Act and breach of contract suit against their former real estate brokerage, obtaining several positive decisions in matters of first impression under Illinois law.
- Securing a positive outcome against a Fortune 500 energy company on behalf of a locally-owned small business in breach of contract suit.
- Defeating a motion to dismiss for a car dealer against a national car rental business in a suit where the dealer alleged the rental business engaged in abusive and wrongful conduct, securing a positive outcome.
- Representing real estate brokers in recovering against individuals and businesses who wrongfully refuse to pay for their services, having obtained significant recovery before suit and full recovery, with attorneys' fees, after filing suit.
- Representing several businesses in employment discrimination suits brought by former employees, having obtained optimal settlements in alignment with the client's business objectives or obtaining full dismissal at various stages with no liability to the client.
- Successfully pursuing an insurance company on behalf of a mid-size company for a breach of its duty to defend.
- Proudly representing several pro bono clients, trying several jury trials to verdict and having secured full recovery for individuals who otherwise would not have been able to afford an attorney.
- Represented national bank defending claim brought by another bank for restitution and breach of Regulation J warranty for a counterfeit check and obtained dismissal of complaint later affirmed on appeal
- Represented lender/servicing defendants in three separate purported class action counterclaims challenging property preservation activities on properties in foreclosure, obtaining dismissal of class claims with prejudice
- Represented United States automobile company defending claims brought by foreign manufacturer in ICC arbitration proceedings
- Represented Spanish medical supplies distributor in dispute with United States manufacturer regarding terms and performance of distribution agreement in an LCIA arbitration and obtained substantial damages award and attorneys' fees
- Negotiating a consent decree in federal court with the United States Department of Justice that enabled the Arlington Park Race Track to provide housing to seasonal migrant employees and their



families while ensuring the safety and welfare of workers' children

- Defeating an easement claim in state court and successfully defending the judgment on appeal, enabling a not-for-profit institution to sell real estate for its best and highest use
- Successfully representing a family's claim for the wrongful disposal of their personal property by a private storage facility to a jury verdict and settling the claim for full value of the judgment pending appeal
- Advised health club servicing company regarding compliance with Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, including drafting consumer biometric consent and disclosure form.
- Advised financial arm of retail furniture company on compliance with federal and state laws regarding lending disclosures, advertisement of credit terms, fair lending, consumer privacy, credit approval and denial, collections, identify theft prevention, credit reporting, and record retention, and rewrote and updated employee manual, lending disclosures and notices, and privacy notices.
- *Martin v. The Judicial Sales Corp., et al.*, No. 2018 CH 11439, slip op. (Mar. 23, 2021) (dismissing quiet title and tort action brought by alleged trustee of foreclosed property).
- *Hudson v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., et al.*, No. 19-cv-1284-JES-JEH, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 100642, 2020 WL 3066615 (C.D. Ill. June 9, 2020) (dismissing breach of contract, fraud, consumer fraud, and quiet title claims based on the borrower's allegations that the lender wrongfully foreclosed on her property, was improperly assigned her mortgage, and failed to comply with loan modification agreement).
- *PCS Receivables Corp. v. G&M Int'l LLC, et al.*, 790 Fed. App'x. 822 (7th Cir. 2020) (affirming judgment of over \$4 million in favor of plaintiff in commercial breach of contract case); *PCS Receivables Corp. v. G&M Int'l LLC, et al.*, No. 16 C 11470, 2018 WL 4590319 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 25, 2018) (granting summary judgment in favor of plaintiff on commercial breach of contract claim and on defendant's affirmative defenses).
- *At World Properties, LLC v. Baird & Warner Real Estate, Inc.*, No. 18-cv-1973, 2019 WL 4034636 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 27, 2019) (denying defendant's motion to dismiss in Lanham Act case brought by real estate brokerage firm against competing firm for alleged false statements made in advertisements and marketing materials).
- *JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. v. Jenkins, et al.*, 771 Fed. App'x. 673 (7th Cir. 2019) (affirming judgment in favor of lender in contested foreclosure); *JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. v. Jenkins, et al.*, No. 16-3969, slip op. (7th Cir. July 10, 2017) (dismissing appeal of foreclosure judgment for lack of final appealable order); *JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. v. Jenkins, et al.*, No. 14 C 4278, 2016 WL 4417072 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 18, 2016) (in contested foreclosure, granting summary judgment in favor of lender and denying several motions filed by defendant seeking to defeat summary judgment); 2015 WL 603855 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 12, 2015) (in contested foreclosure, denying defendant's motion to dismiss and rejecting defendant's arguments that plaintiff failed to properly serve defendant by publication and that plaintiff did not have standing to foreclose).
- *Taylor v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 2019 IL App (1st) 180800-U (affirming dismissal of complaint for wrongful foreclosure as barred by *res judicata*, where plaintiffs sought to re-litigate issues raised



in previous case).

- *McNeal v. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, No. 16 C 3115, 2017 WL 6569631 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 22, 2017) (granting motion to dismiss with prejudice in favor of mortgage lender, dismissing claims brought by borrower under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act, based on the borrower's allegations that the lender improperly assigned her mortgage, improperly calculated escrow payments, and assessed improper default-related fees); *McNeal v. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, No. 16 C 3115, 2016 WL 6804585 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 17, 2016) (granting motion to dismiss in favor of mortgage lender, dismissing claims brought by borrower under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act, and the Illinois Residential Mortgage License Act, and claims for breach of contract and unjust enrichment, based on the borrower's allegations that her mortgage was void under the Illinois Residential Mortgage License Act and that the lender improperly assigned her mortgage, improperly calculated escrow payments, and assessed improper default-related fees).
- *Hunte v. Safeguard Props. Mgmt., LLC, et al.*, No. 16 C 11198, 2017 WL 5891060 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 27, 2017) (dismissing Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claim with prejudice for failure to adequately allege property preservation vendor was a "debt collector" under the Act, and dismissing state law claims against mortgage lender for lack of subject matter jurisdiction); 2018 WL 2063914 (N.D. Ill. May 3, 2018) (denying plaintiff's motion to reconsider dismissal).
- *G&M Int'l, LLC v. Snap Line Services, Inc., et al.*, No. 16CV-2205-1, slip op. (Super. Ct. Forsyth Cty., Ga. Aug 23, 2017) (dismissing five-count complaint against debt purchaser and two executives, holding that prior jury verdict collaterally estopped plaintiff from bringing claims, where issue attempting to be litigated was already decided in prior case against other defendant).
- *Golbeck v. Johnson Blumberg & Associates, LLC, et al.*, No. 16 C 6788, 2017 WL 3070868 (N.D. Ill. July 19, 2017) (granting motion to dismiss in part in favor of mortgage lender, and dismissing breach of contract, Real Estate Settlement Practices Act, and Illinois Consumer Fraud Act claims regarding loan modification offer, allegedly improper escrow account calculation, and transfer of servicing of mortgage).
- *Gagnon v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 563 B.R. 835 (N.D. Ill. 2017) (granting motion to dismiss in part in favor of mortgage lender, and dismissing claims alleging lender violated the Bankruptcy Code's discharge injunction and automatic stay provisions and the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act by reporting certain information to credit reporting agencies after the plaintiff's bankruptcy was discharged).
- *Turner v. Argent Mortgage Co., LLC, et al.*, No. 15 CH 17834, slip op. (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill. Nov. 22, 2016) (dismissing wrongful foreclosure complaint against mortgage lender for lack of proper service).
- *Conteduca v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, No. 14 L 13366, slip op. (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill. Dec. 23, 2015) (dismissing claims for account stated, unjust enrichment, conversion, and breach of contract brought against mortgage lender by real estate appraiser relating to alleged failure to reimburse appraiser for appraisal services performed in relation to residential mortgages).
- *Phongsa v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA., et al.*, 2014 WL 2510203 (N.D. Ill. June 14, 2014) (dismissing Fair Debt Collection Practices and state law fraud claims against mortgage owner and servicer relating to alleged debt collection practices and alleged improper foreclosure).



- *Monaco v. The Bear Stearns Companies, Inc., et al.*, 2012 WL 10006987 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 10, 2012) (denying class certification of breach of contract claims against mortgage originator relating to alleged failure to disclose material terms of Option ARM loans).
- *McLeod v. PB Investment Corporation, et al.*, 492 Fed. Appx. 379 (4th Cir. Aug. 1, 2012) (affirming trial court's dismissal of claims under Home Owner Equity Protection Act, Maryland Secondary Mortgage Loan Law, and Maryland Uniform Commercial Code against assignees of mortgage loans, relating to allegedly improper fees and disclosures and failure to provide loan documents to former borrowers).
- *Obi v. Chase Home Finance, LLC, et al.*, 2012 WL 1802450 (N.D. Ill. May 15, 2012) (dismissing Fair Debt Collection Practices and Illinois state law claims against servicer relating to alleged debt collection practices and recommending *pro se* plaintiff be placed on district court's list of restricted filers); 2011 WL 5118437 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 25, 2011) (denying plaintiff's motion to remand to state court).
- *Gibson v. Chase Home Finance, LLC, et al.*, 2012 WL 1094323 (M.D. Fla. Apr. 2, 2012) (dismissing class action claims under Florida state law against lender and servicer arising from force placement of flood insurance); 2011 WL 6319401 (M.D. Fla. Dec. 16, 2011) (dismissing class action claims under Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Bank Holding Company Act, and Florida state law against lender and servicer arising from force placement of flood insurance).
- *Polek, et al. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., et al.*, 36 A.3d 399 (Md. 2012) (affirming trial court's dismissal of Maryland Secondary Mortgage Loan Law and other Maryland state law claims against assignees of mortgage loans, relating to allegedly improper fees and disclosures and failure to provide loan documents to former borrowers).
- *Abdel-Malak v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 2011 WL 3843814 (D. Md. Aug. 29, 2011) (dismissing class action claims under Truth in Lending Act and Maryland state law against lender that purchased failed institution's loans from FDIC on basis that lender did not assume alleged liabilities under purchase and assumption agreement and dismissing claims relating to allegedly deceptive post-acquisition disclosures relating to Option ARM loan).
- *Obi v. Chase Home Finance, LLC, et al.*, 2011 WL 809310 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 2, 2011) (dismissing *pro se* claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 where plaintiff provided false information on *in forma pauperis* application).
- *Obi v. Chase Home Finance, LLC*, 2011 WL 529481 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 8, 2011) (dismissing Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Truth in Lending Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and Illinois state law claims against servicer arising from alleged failure to modify loan and alleged debt collection practices).
- *Smith v. Vericrest Financial, et al.*, 2010 WL 5373880 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 14, 2010) (dismissing Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Truth in Lending Act, Illinois Human Rights Act, and Fair Housing Act claims against lender and servicer where plaintiff failed to effect proper service).
- *Moffitt, et al. v. Residential Funding Company, LLC, et al.*, 604 F.3d 156 (4th Cir. 2010), affirming 665 F. Supp. 2d 515 (D. Md. 2010) (affirming district court holding that defendants properly and timely removed lawsuit to federal court where amended state court complaints contained sufficient facts to give rise to federal jurisdiction under the Class Action Fairness Act).



- Gros v. Midland Credit Management, Inc., et al., 2008 WL 4671717 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 20, 2008) (granting summary judgment in favor of debt collector on Fair Debt Collection Practices and state law claims relating to allegedly misleading debt collection communications).
- Successfully defended a family-owned business against a multimillion-dollar, race discrimination lawsuit
- Obtained summary dismissal of claimed right to financial privacy action against national bank
- Secured dismissal of false claims qui tam action against a 501(c)(3) charity organization
- Obtained dismissal of alleged Illinois Deceptive Trade Practices Act claim against private business against family-owned business
- Successfully tried federal bankruptcy, adversary proceeding involving claim of fraud by debtor
- Obtained summary judgment to remove claimed easement running over client's property that had been recorded as a cloud over title
- Secured dismissal of alleged violations of Fair Debt Collections Practice Act against creditor
- Successfully tried case resolving dispute over land rights between neighboring property owners
- Successfully tried a preliminary injunction hearing in the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. At issue was a dispute between shareholders of a closely held corporation that owns and manages real property. The firm's client filed suit after the defendant shareholder attempted a hostile takeover of the company in contravention of corporate governance documents, including purporting to remove the firm's client as a director and appointed officer, while also looting company bank accounts and freezing our client out from access to certain company software. At the conclusion of the four-day hearing that included multiple witnesses and expert testimony, the judge granted all relief sought by the firm's client in its entirety, including restoring corporate governance positions, ordering the defendant's name be removed from all company bank accounts, and ordering the defendant to restore complete access to all software accounts. The client said, "You told me exactly what you were going to do, you did it, and it worked out exactly like you said it should. I can't thank you enough."
- Successfully resolved multiple disputes involving a long standing client and government subcontractor on multiple government projects governed by the detailed obligations and requirements of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), where disputes developed involving design, defect, contract disputes such as cost overruns and those relating to the scope-of-work statement, all of which are inextricably linked to the FAR.
- Defended and resolved claims brought by billion-dollar conglomerate against a smaller competitor, asserting copyright, trade secret, and conspiracy and contractual interference claims arising out of the hiring of the conglomerate's former employees. Resolved with limited exposure to the smaller consulting firm and in time to minimize potentially disastrous costs.
- Obtained favorable jury verdict for national health insurance company seeking an eight figure recovery, in claim brought by medical provider denied entrance to a medical network; jury granted further relief on amounts due our client by the owner of the medical provider.



- Litigated and obtained substantial damages and permanent injunction against consulting employee who sold company assets including valuable trade secrets to a competitor in which he held an interest, as well as a first-ever injunction against the United States Patent and Trademark Office, to protect client's purloined trade secrets disclosed in patent documents.
- Obtained significant payment of commissions due a Canadian sales representative based upon the bad faith termination of the representative. This case settled midway through a weeklong jury trial in federal court in Boston.
- Successful defense and countersuit in patent and trade dress infringement case brought by international cosmetic supplier against private-label, middle market manufacturer/fulfillment house. Defeated supplier in its home state and successfully obtained declaratory relief so that the case resolved without any findings of liability for the client and without any exchange of meaningful consideration.
- Obtained a permanent injunction and seven-figure judgment against a gray-market operator who was illegally importing goods intended for other destination countries and who diverted sales of the subject equipment from authorized dealers of the manufacturer. Ultimately, the gray-market importer was put out of business, maintaining the integrity of both the market channel for the initial dealer and the supplier-dealer relationship for all of the channel partners as well as the infamous trademark of the manufacturer
- Initiated litigation against a corporate target planning a \$35 million ESOP transaction to effectively freeze out its minority shareholders. After obtaining temporary and preliminary injunctive relief on the heels of the purported ESOP closing, obtained a multi-million dollar payment for the client which well exceeded the value of that proposed in the ESOP transaction.
- Successfully resolved case involving a multi-million dollar dispute between a property owner, architect and general contractor, in arbitration, that involved AIA contract forms and the opinions of after-the-fact expert opinion witnesses retained to support the client's position.
- Successfully mediated complex accounting claims alleging malpractice around sourcing and treatment of state revenue and improper reporting of related payments to insiders. Effected a voluntary disclosure agreement with applicable taxing authorities and averted seven-figure exposure for client.
- Settled disputes between OEM contractor and related client as to alleged design defects, which were demonstrated not to be the fault of the client, such that the case (involving design counterclaims and claims for amounts due for goods) was resolved, short of a two week international jury trial and that resulted in a shift in resolution payments from \$1.7 million in favor of the OEM contractor to a substantial payment in favor of the manufacturing client.
- Successfully tried to award multi-million dollar dealer-distributor dispute, including franchise act claims against dealer, in week long arbitration trial. In addition, resolved multiple dealer disputes between wholly owned distributor avoiding multiple litigation claims and reportable violations of various state law dealer statutes relating to heavy equipment, such as excavators, wheel loaders and back hoe lifts.





- Successfully obtained arbitration awards in over a dozen cases for a client in labor disputes covered by applicable collective bargaining agreement. Further, obtained favorable results for client in defeating organizational efforts to certify union, defeated various claims to aggregate union and non-union facilities in hearings before the NLRB and in arbitration, and aided client to successfully obtain petition decertifying union in case where the client's employees sought to terminate union representation.
- Tried and obtained resolution for corporate trustee resolving disputes among more than thirty beneficiaries, in order to terminate trust and distribute its assets, while vindicating trustee of alleged statutory and common law violations.
- Obtained a jury verdict in favor of a multinational, life insurance company regarding correct payment of death benefits and defeating claim that the owner had changed his beneficiary configuration.
- Successfully tried to a jury competing claims for multi-state Fortune 500 insurance company relating to billing for various classes of patients, defeating a \$30 million counterclaim and obtaining verdict in favor of insurer on payment obligations.
- Successfully defeated claim against trustee of family trust for breach of fiduciary duty by establishing that complaining beneficiary had full knowledge of the administration and trust activities of the various assets of the deceased's "estate," including various trusts, and demonstrating that formal accounting was not required due to waiver by disgruntled beneficiary. The case was upheld on appeal and a final order was entered against the rouge beneficiary such that the final order became law of the case.
- Successfully prevailed in multiple institutional trustee litigation involving issues from instructions on trust interpretation (petitions for instructions), equitable reformation of trust documents, including those that were when suit was filed roughly a century old, to application of law to the date of existing testamentary documents (decades old), to removal of trustees and adjustments to trusts with outdated trust language that required an upgrade to keep pace with current institutional trends and procedures.
- Obtained several reformation and/or equitable deviation judgments in litigation ranging from adjustment to distribution language of trust, affecting trust terms and provisions involving diversification issues, to determining proper beneficiaries, including as to testamentary documents that are at least a century old and/or trust language that is substantially ambiguous.
- Assisted with preparation for a jury trial in a high-profile defamation case; conducted extensive legal research; reviewed and prepared documents for production; drafted motions *in limine*
- Represented clients in state and federal court
- Drafted pleadings and dispositive motions
- Anderson, et al. v. Catholic Bishop of Chicago, et al., 759 F.3d 645 (7th Cir. 2014) (affirming dismissal of putative class action complaint against Catholic Bishop and the Holy See)
- In re: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems (MERS) Litigation, 2011 WL 4550189 (D. Ariz. Oct. 3, 2011) (dismissing consolidated amended complaint in multidistrict litigation alleging fraud and



conspiracy based on the use and creation of the MERS system)

- Lead trial counsel defending FedEx National in a retaliatory discharge jury trial in the Northern District of Illinois, where plaintiff sought in excess of \$1 million dollars for compensatory and punitive damages (after a week long trial, the jury found in favor of FedEx National)
- Lead trial counsel on behalf of a real estate development company in a breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty action against a national operator of parking garages (after a one-week jury trial in Cook County, the jury returned a verdict in trial counsel's favor and awarded approximately \$500,000 –the full amount requested and permissible under the statutes involved)
- Lead defense counsel on behalf of the City of Chicago and the Committee on Finance in a breach of contract action brought by a prominent Chicago law firm seeking approximately \$700,000 in fees (successfully moved to dismiss three separate complaints brought by the law firm—two in the Circuit Court of Cook County and one in the Northern District of Illinois)
- Lead counsel for a Chicago software development company in a breach of fiduciary duty and conspiracy action brought against a former employee and the company's main competitor (secured a six-figure settlement from the competitor and other favorable concessions)
- Obtained a temporary restraining order in the Northern District of Indiana to prevent staffing company client's former employees from using stolen customer information to open a competing business, leading to a negotiated preliminary injunction and ultimately six-figure settlement payment to client.
- Represented adhesive manufacturer and distributor in the Northern District of Illinois on a motion for a temporary restraining order and in expedited discovery in preparation for a preliminary injunction hearing to prevent former vice president and director of sales from violating a non-competition agreement to work for a competitor, obtaining an injunction and settlement.
- Represented third-party logistics company in the Northern District of Illinois to prevent a former manager from using trade secrets to work for client's competitor and obtained permanent injunction to prevent former manager and competitor from using client's trade secrets.
- Represented accounting firm in the Northern District of Illinois to prevent former managerial employee from stealing client and prospective client list and violating non-competition agreement to start a competing business, obtaining an injunction and settlement.
- Represented a retailer of commercial lighting systems in the Northern District of Illinois in a suit against a former employee and member who, while still employed by the client, created his own company to compete with our client, in the process stealing customer and prospective customer information, breaching his employment agreement and creating confusion in the marketplace.
- Represented a chemical manufacturer in the Eastern District of Missouri in a lawsuit against its former distributor who bribed the client's employee for confidential chemical formulas, defeating a motion for a temporary restraining order, and bringing claims under the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 among others.
- Represented a vertical farm in suit against licensee in the Western District of Michigan for breach of license agreement and trade secret misappropriation to prevent the unauthorized use of client's trade



secrets.

- Defended a consulting company against claims in the Southern District of Ohio that it and its new employees stole confidential information, violated copyright and trade secret laws and breached employment agreements, brought by their former competitor employer.
- Represented an electrical device manufacturer against fraud, breach of contract and breach of warranty claims in the Southern District of New York, obtaining dismissal with prejudice of certain claims.
- Won summary judgment in declaratory judgment action in Cook County, Illinois, holding that client's insurer had a duty to defend an additional insured under the policy, resulting in an additional \$12,000,000 in insurance proceeds being available to resolve underlying personal injury matter.
- Won judgment on the pleadings in *Caveo, LLC v. Citizens Insurance Company of America, Inc., et al*, No. 15-cv-6200, 2016 WL 5477537 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 29, 2016) (Motion for reconsideration denied, 2017 WL 2672297), holding that client's insurer breached its duty to defend and indemnify client in underlying litigation.
- Secured dismissal and/or summary judgment in favor of his real estate developer/seller clients in breach of contract/warranty and fraud actions (each seeking between \$350,000 to \$1,000,000), including *Siegel Development, LLC v. Peak Construction, LLC et al.*, 2013 IL App (1st) 111973, 993 N.E. 2d 1041 (Ill. App. Ct. 2013)
- Obtained numerous injunctions for employees/clients against former employees that breached non-solicitation agreements
- Obtained a \$1,000,000-plus verdict for Hyundai Construction Equipment U.S.A., Inc. against an importer of "gray market" Hyundai construction machines (e.g., Hyundai equipment intended for sale and use in a country other than the United States), *Hyundai Construction Equipment U.S.A., Inc. v. Chris Johnson Equipment, Inc.*, No. 06 C 3238, 2008 WL 4210785 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 10, 2008)
- Chaired a fraud action brought by a group of restaurant investors against general partner that resulted in a significant settlement for Mr. Stanton's client's mid-trial
- Secured dismissal with prejudice of a \$1.5 million fraud claim against a REIT stemming from the sale of a \$3.1 million industrial property
- Successfully defended a suburban municipality in a six-day bench trial in an alleged unlawful takings case
- Procured dismissal of several million-dollar, lender liability actions against financial institutions
- *Nissan N. Am., Inc. v. Motor Vehicle Review Bd.*, 2014 IL App (1st) 123795, ¶ 9 (affirming Illinois Motor Vehicle Review Board decision against vehicle manufacturer following protest by dealers over abusive warranty practices)
- *Cont'l Air Transp. Co. v. United States*, 14 F. Supp. 3d 1094 (N.D. Ill. Jan. 31, 2014) (awarding partial summary judgment on liability to taxpayer in gasoline excise tax refund litigation)



- *Elgazar v. Zoning Bd. of Appeals of City of Chicago*, 2015 IL App (1st) 140968-U (affirming client's zoning variation on administrative review).
- *Keporos v. Loquercio Auto. S., Inc.*, 2016 IL App (1st) 151074-U, ¶ 3 (trial court) – Successfully obtained judgment on the pleadings and summary judgment for specific performance of an option to purchase a multi-million dollar parcel of real estate in Chicago
- *KNM Holdings, Inc. v. James*, 2016 IL App (1st) 143008, ¶ 6 (trial court) – Represented creditor in enforcement of judgment and recovery of over \$200,000 in assets, and assisted in defending the judgment against a post-judgment motion
- Dismissal of fraud and breach of contract claims in excess of \$1,000,000 against car dealer
- Dismissal of discrimination and retaliation complaints filed with the EEOC and state administrative agencies
- Assistance in obtaining significant award for franchisor against franchisee in AAA commercial arbitration
- Represented an international securities trading technology firm in a “bet the ranch” dispute with NASDAQ
- Represented regional banking institution in workout of multistate, distressed loan portfolio involving approximately \$190 million in commercial real estate interests and manufacturing concerns
- Litigated on behalf of privately held industrial operation against multinational creditor in foreign judgment dispute
- Represented international financial services firm advisors in dispute over non-competition restriction and alleged misuse of trade secrets
- Defended former CFO of publicly traded news organization in both federal criminal and civil litigation
- Represented members wrongfully removed from a national not-for-profit in corporate governance challenge against Board of Directors
- Represented former CEO of a national public accounting firm in indemnification claims following acquittal in criminal case
- Litigated on behalf of a private equity company over employee theft and unfair competition
- Represented CMO of major pharmaceutical concern in employment and regulatory matters
- Represented CFO of privately equity portfolio company in wrongful removal and dispute over ownership interests
- Litigated partnership dispute over ownership and control of breeding rights in national equine champion



- Drafted, revised, and litigated a number of employee non-compete/non-solicitation agreements
- *Morris v. Catholic Bishop of Chicago*, 16-C-7916 2018 WL 2087450 (N.D. Ill.) (Obtained dismissal with prejudice of age discrimination claims brought against Archdiocese.)
- *Holmes v. Housing Authority of Joliet et. al.*, 1:14-CV-03132 2015 (N.D. Ill.) (Obtained dismissal with prejudice of former employee's claims of sexual harassment under Title VII and race discrimination under Section 1981 against individual Executive Director)
- *Nowaczyk v. Joliet Catholic Academy*, No. 14 C 3710 2014 WL 3642197 (N.D. Ill.) (Obtained dismissal with prejudice of Title VII discrimination, retaliation and breach of contract claims against two religious orders)
- *Green ex rel. Estate of Webster v. Housing Auth. of City of Gary*, 10 N.E.3d 518 (2014) (Appellate court affirmed summary judgment in favor of housing authority finding no duty with respect to wrongful death claim)
- *Vraniskoska v. Franciscan Communities, Inc.*, 2:11-CV-308 2013 WL 4647224 (N.D. Ind.) (Obtained summary judgment on former employee's allegations of disability discrimination and failure to accommodate under the Americans with Disabilities Act)
- *Helm v. Ancilla Domini College*, 3:11-CV-212, 2012 WL 4120006 (N.D. Ind.) (Obtained summary judgment on former employee's Title VII claims of race discrimination and retaliation)
- *Montgomery v. DePaul University*, 1:10-CV-0078, 2012 WL 3903784 (N.D. Ill.) (Obtained summary judgment on former faculty member's allegations of race discrimination and retaliation in connection with the University's decision to deny tenure)
- *Rowe v. Gary Housing Authority, et al.*, No. 2:06 CV 291, 2008 WL 754254 (N.D. Ind.) (Obtained summary judgment on former employee's claims of deprivation of liberty and property interest in her job pursuant to the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment)
- *MacGregor v. DePaul University*, 1:10-CV-00107, 2010 WL 4167965 (N.D. Ill.) (Obtained dismissal with prejudice on faculty member's untimely claims of discrimination and retaliation)
- *Hoppe v. Lewis University*, 1:09-CV-03430, 2011 WL 4578352 (N.D. Ill.) (Obtained summary judgment on tenured faculty member's claims of discrimination, retaliation and failure to accommodate under Title VII and the Americans with Disability Act)
- *Samuel Pope, Jr. v. Gary Housing Authority*, 2:09-CV-301, 2012 WL 1035449 (N.D. Ind.) (Obtained a dismissal with prejudice of Section 1983 allegations against Housing Authority)
- *Upton v. DePaul University*, 1:09-CV-3954, 2012 WL 3096676 (N.D. Ill.) (Obtained summary judgment on former employee's claims of discrimination and retaliation under Title VII and Section 1981)
- *Hoppe v. Lewis University*, No. 11-3358 2012 WL 3764717 (7th Cir.) (Successfully argued before the appellate court and obtained a decision affirming the granting of summary judgment in favor of University on tenured faculty member's claims of discrimination, retaliation and failure to accommodate under Title VII and the Americans with Disabilities Act)



- Supervises mediation and litigation discovery, including large-scale electronic discovery
- Litigating approximately 30 reported cases involving federal, state and local tax controversies, handling a significant number of federal, state and local income, payroll and excise tax audits and inquiries, and advising on virtually all aspects of federal and state tax compliance.
- *General Motors Corporation, et al. v. The State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Review Board, et al.*, 221 Ill.2d 1, 862 N.E.2d 209, 308 Ill.Dec.611 (2007), Case Nos. 101585 and 101601, Supreme Court of Illinois
- *Ramon Alvarado, et al. v. Corporate Cleaning Services, Inc., et al.*, 782 F.3d 365 (7th Cir. 2015), Case No. 13-3818, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- *Nissan North America v. The Motor Vehicle Review Board, et al.*, 7 N.E.3d 25 (Ill. App. 1 Dist. 2014), Case No. 1-12-3795, Appellate Court of Illinois, First District
- *Nissan North America, Inc. v. Jim M’Lady Oldsmobile, Inc.*, 486 F.3d 989 (7th Cir. 2007)
- *Nissan North America, Inc. v. Jim M’Lady Oldsmobile, Inc.*, 307 F.3d 601 (7th Cir. 2002)
- *George Keporos v. Loquercio Automotive South, Inc. d/b/a Honda City*, 2014 IL App (1st) 151074-U, Case No. 1-15-1074, Appellate Court of Illinois, First District
- Represented state agency in litigation against major oil company before circuit and appellate court which resulted in favorable opinion for client where Second District Appellate Court found that environmental contamination could give rise to a claim for “waste” under the leases for the subject properties.
- Represent local manufacturing company in enforcement matters brought by both federal and state agencies with respect to alleged large scale groundwater contamination of chlorinated solvents in residential areas in the western suburbs of Chicago.
- Represent municipal agency with respect to several former manufactured gas plant sites in the Chicagoland area, ranging from private enforcement actions being filed against major utility companies to oversight of voluntary investigation and remediation.
- Represented owner of property adjacent to gas station, where owner’s property experienced vapors and explosive conditions in basement of building following demolition of gas station and major rain event. Obtained injunctive relief before circuit court requiring all demolition activities be enjoined until investigative and protective actions had been taken to ensure the safety of the building and its tenants.
- Represented Not-For-Profit Organization in obtaining injunctive relief against a municipality that improperly refused to issue building permits to the Group and where such denial threatened millions of dollars of federal, state and private funding.
- Represented major technology company in a multi-million dollar assessment challenge before both the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the Cook County Circuit Court.
- Represented a wind farm developer in several related cases against objecting property owners challenging the issuance of a special use permit to construct a wind farm.



- Represented developer in action filed by third-party objectors regarding request for special use permit to build a sand mine.
- Represented land owner in suit against municipality and neighboring property owner claiming conversion, trespass and unconstitutional taking without just compensation.
- Obtained dismissal of complaint against developer under Administrative Review Law challenging variations of setbacks for a mixed-use building.
- Represented property owners in dispute against condominium association for breaches of fiduciary duty for failure to turn over control of the Board after an annual election.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of an Illinois Village to take, by eminent domain, restrictive covenants being used to prevent the development of senior citizen housing.
- Represented a furniture company in a TRO proceeding against a competitor for violations of the Illinois Trade Secrets Act for using pricing and customer lists.
- Represented car dealership in trade secrets violation case against former employees for accessing proprietary database after leaving employment.
- Represented a frozen seafood importer in a TRO proceeding against a competitor for trade dress and trademark infringement under the Lanham Act.
- Represented a home delivery company in a defamation and unfair competition case against a competitor related to claims made by the competitor to a prospective customer.
- Represented food laboratory in action for TRO against IT vendor when food laboratory's system was subject to a ransomware attack and IT vendor refused to return company's system credentials.
- Represented a transportation company against a competitor for trademark infringement.
- Represented an insurance company in a discrimination case under the ADA.
- Represented a physical and occupational service provider against a class action suit for violations of the FLSA and IWPCA.
- Represented a Medicare Advantage Plan network to recoup overpayments.
- Represented a hospital at a medical privileges' hearing whereby a doctor's medical privileges were not renewed by the hospital.
- Represented an organization providing housing for adults with autism in a fair housing case against a condominium association trying to block the sale of a condo unit to the organization.
- Represented a home for the developmentally disabled against the City of Markham for housing discrimination in a TRO proceeding and obtained one of the largest settlements for a housing discrimination suit in Illinois history.
- Obtained summary judgment for a Fortune 100 food company in a right to publicity case related to the company's advertisements for baby food.



- Represented a food company in a product liability case related to an allegedly contaminated food product.
- Represented a hospital in an estate case where a substantial gift to the hospital was challenged by the executor of the estate on grounds of incompetency.
- Successfully represented a developer in an Administrative Review action against the City of Park Ridge, Illinois for denying a site plan application.
- Successfully defended a northeast Illinois county at trial regarding the constitutionality of its zoning ordinance prohibiting a single-family home development in a primarily agricultural area and successfully represented the county on appeal to the Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District.
- Successfully represented an Illinois municipality at trial regarding the enforceability of its zoning code prohibiting basement and garage dwelling units, and successfully representing the municipality on appeal to the Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District.
- Successfully defended the City of Marshall, Illinois at trial regarding the constitutionality of its adult use ordinance; and successfully represented the City on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
- Represented developer of gas station and convenience store against claims by neighboring property owners that Special Use Permit granted to developer was unconstitutional.
- Successfully defended an action for breach of contract, fraud and breach of fiduciary duty in a partnership dispute before a 3-member FINRA arbitration panel.
- Obtained a favorable judgment for defendants at bench trial for a breach of contract claim regarding school housing for college student.
- Defended an owner of a privately managed hunting preserve against the U.S. Government in an eminent domain case, resulting in a property valuation over seven times the Government's initial offer.
- Defended a commercial real estate firm in a jury trial from claims of its employee for commission of over \$1 million resulting in an award to plaintiff of less than 15% of damages sought.
- Obtained dismissal and summary judgment of negligent supervision claims based on the statute of limitations and other defenses
- Won ownership of food process patent following declaratory judgment trial in federal court
- Obtained no-liability, walk-away settlements for defendants in commercial contract and negligent supervision cases
- Obtained summary judgment for corporate defendant in tortious interference case relating to petroleum supply contract
- Obtained summary judgment for quiet title petitioner, to avoid restrictive easement
- Was part of a team that obtained a \$19 million jury award in federal court contract case based on the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)





- Lewis, et al. v. Chase Home Finance LLC (W.D. Wash.)
- Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-4 v. Ferreyra, et al. (Erie Court of Common Pleas, Ohio)
- Perez, et al. v. Chase Home Finance LLC (Los Angeles County Superior Court, California)
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- Gonzalez, et al. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (Los Angeles County Superior Court, California)
- Freeman v. Chase Home Finance, LLC, Case No. 10 CV 765 (N.D. Ohio)
- Vega v. CTX Corp., et al. (D. Nev.)
- Representation of a major insurance company against Section 155 claims of unreasonable and vexatious treatment.
- Representation of insurer against a potential multi-dollar class action consumer protection suit alleging violations of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA).
- Defended a major insurance company in a Section 1983 civil rights matter alleging that the insurer conspired with police officers and prosecutors to deny coverage of a massive home fire.
- Representation of a Fortune 100 corporation in an adversary proceeding in bankruptcy court defending the client against the Trustee's multi-million-dollar claw back claim against the company.
- Representation of the City Council of the City of Chicago in the *Shakman* patronage-hiring litigation, including presentations to the City Council regarding requirements of the decree and in all phases of resolution.
- Representation of the Archdiocese of Chicago in connection with a detailed analysis to determine if discriminatory pattern existed in settlements of claims against clergy.
- Representation of commuter rail line in Title VI class action and allegations of discriminatory funding in the transportation industry.
- Representation of The Chicago Housing Authority in a 7,500+ plaintiff "mass action" seeking over \$500 million for damages stemming from environmental claims.
- Lead counsel for the City of Chicago and various detectives and police officers in multi-million-dollar civil rights claims.



- *Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd. v. SL PRU, LLC*, 2021 IL App (1st) 191637-U (affirming decision of trial court in favor of plaintiff on claim for declaratory judgment and denying defendant's counterclaim for reformation in commercial lease matter).
- *Wood v. Long and At World Properties, LLC, d/b/a @properties*, Case No. 16-7419 (N.D. Ill., Apr. 13, 2017) (secured voluntary dismissal *with prejudice* of individual FLSA and Illinois statutory claims after deposition of putative class representative).
- *In re: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.*, 754 F.3d 772 (9th Cir. 2014) (affirming dismissal of consolidated amended complaint in multidistrict litigation alleging fraud and conspiracy based on the use and creation of the MERS® system)
- *Rodriguez v. Bear Stearns Companies, Inc.*, 2009 WL 5184702 (D.Conn. Dec. 22, 2009) (granting summary judgment against plaintiffs in a nationwide, racial discrimination claim for "predatory servicing" under the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3601, et seq.)
- *Moseley-Smith v. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation*, 222 Fed.Appx. 533, 2007 WL 866182 (8th Cir. 2007) (affirming summary judgment against plaintiffs on claims alleging impropriety of facsimile fees).
- Lead trial counsel for 100 year-old family owned manufacturing business defeating a Chinese metal packaging conglomerate in an international arbitration where potential contract damages would have bankrupted the business.
- Lead counsel representing global automotive supplier in a substantial contract dispute with a global customer that led to favorable settlement.
- Lead counsel for Mexican railway engineering firm in an international arbitration against U.S. subsidiary of a German rail manufacturer, that led to a favorable settlement.
- Represented energy management system manufacturer in multi-year trade secret case against two competitors before negotiating multimillion dollar settlement prior to empaneling jury.
- Lead counsel in multiple representations of corporations and (former) executives in disputes involving trade secrets, restrictive covenants in employment agreements, and non-solicitation agreements, in industries including: manufacturing, international customs brokerage, retail, architectural design, finance, technology, engineering, and sporting goods.
- Lead counsel defending chairman of a private equity firm and portfolio company in a derivative action brought by minority shareholders and executives of the portfolio company.
- Represented multinational corporation in Delaware Chancery Court on claims that defendants defrauded client relating to a \$20 million sale of a manufacturing business. Case settled favorably for client.
- Lead Counsel in multiple representations defending private companies, majority shareholders, and officers in litigation involving ownership rights, distributions and fiduciary duties in industries including real estate services, manufacturing, software development, hospitality, logistics, and commodities trading.



- Defeated claims brought by Brazilian investment fund alleging breaches of contractual and fiduciary duties and conversion against multiple investor clients.
- Recovered more than \$25 million in fraud suit on behalf of a biopharmaceutical company against one of the largest U.S. financial institutions
- Lead trial counsel for municipality and stadium lessor in private arbitration defeating an NFL team's attempts to drastically expand their stadium usage rights.
- Represented founder's former chairman of software company in a trademark infringement action against the company, resulting favorable settlement before trial.
- Successful representation of an American Civil Rights era-icon in right of publicity litigation.
- Represented real estate broker in action alleging broker concealed defects in property and asserting claims for negligent misrepresentation, fraud, and for violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act and the Illinois Real Estate License Act, obtaining dismissal of claims with prejudice
- Represented office equipment company in AAA arbitration against manufacturer for wrongful termination of dealer franchise and achieved a favorable settlement
- Successfully represented Illinois-based national transportation company in Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act (IWPCA) class action in the United District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, obtaining favorable settlement and broad release of claims.
- Successfully represented Missouri-based national transportation company in United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri case involving the Truth in Leasing Act (TILA) and federal leasing regulations (49 CFR 376.12) (FLRs).
- Successfully represented North Carolina-based manufacturing company in United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky case involving negligent manufacturing and design, obtaining total dismissal of all claims.
- Successfully represented Kentucky-based retailer in Kentucky state court, obtaining summary judgment in case arising from fatal automobile accident.
- Successfully represented Kentucky-based client in Kentucky state court, transferring case to Indiana under *forum non conveniens* doctrine, where tort reform caps damages recoverable in fatal automobile accident.
- Successfully represented professional services company by enforcing non-compete and non-solicit agreement.
- Successfully represented administrative agency retirement plan in court-ordered arbitration.
- *KNM Holdings, Inc. v. James*, 2016 IL App (1st) 143008, ¶ 6 (trial court) – Represented creditor in enforcement of judgment and recovery of over \$200,000 in assets, and assisted in defending the judgment against a post-judgment motion
- Successfully represented professional services company in defamation suit.



- Won motion to dismiss for breach of contract claim.
- Successfully represented automobile dealer in putative class action involving claims under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), and Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (Consumer Fraud Act), settling on individual basis.
- Successfully tried case restoring wrongfully removed directors to leading Chicagoland not-for-profit board
- Successfully defended business against consumer fraud claim brought by prominent arts dealer
- Obtained reversal, on appeal, of ruling with wide-ranging impact involving duty owed by non-servicing firm attorney to firm client
- Successfully tried case obtaining unpaid commissions owed to real estate agent
- Negotiated remedial relief for homeowner asserting neighboring construction activities caused significant water damage in home
- Obtained summary dismissal of claimed trade secret appropriation by former employee
- Lead counsel prosecuting and defending multiple high-dollar contract disputes in industries including: automotive, consumer products, financial services, food processing, logistics, manufacturing, private equity, real estate, software development, and solar.
- Lead counsel in business divorce litigation representing closely-held companies, majority shareholders, and officers involving ownership rights, distributions and fiduciary duties in industries including: commodities trading, hospitality, logistics, manufacturing, real estate services, and software development.
- Lead counsel in post-closing disputes representing buyers and sellers involving allegations of fraud, breaches of representations and warranties, and disputes involving working capital.
- Lead counsel in multiple trade secret and restrictive covenant disputes representing companies and (former) executives in industries including: architectural design, engineering, finance, international customs brokerage, manufacturing, retail, sales, sporting goods, and technology.
- Multiple representations defending companies, universities and governmental entities in employment disputes involving Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), and retaliation claims in court and regulatory bodies.
- Defended technology company against Lanham Act claims alleging it made false and disparaging statements about the origin of a competitor's product and its performance.
- Represented founder of groundbreaking software company in Lanham Act litigation against company he founded, resulting in favorable settlement before trial.
- Defending several construction and development companies in mechanics lien foreclosure cases, employing creative means to resolve complicated disputes, saving clients significant liability and legal spend while meeting business objectives.



- Recovered millions of dollars on behalf of a U.S. based international investment firm against competitor for breach of an asset purchase agreement.
- Co-chaired a two-week jury trial resulting in a \$500,000 verdict in favor of a Chicago-based national health insurance company in a breach of contract action

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