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Stephen Voris is a shareholder partner at Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C. Mr. Voris concentrates his practice in business litigation and corporate affairs. He represents clients nation-wide in a variety of industries, including financial services, technology, real estate, manufacturing, transportation, healthcare, construction and government. His litigation experience has involved all forms of dispute in these industries ranging from securities issues, employment, transactional, regulatory, lending, foreclosure, leasing, corporate governance, business raiding, partnerships, class action, tax and white-collar crime. Mr. Voris has litigated in state and federal trial courts, as well as in appellate and supreme courts. He has represented clients in regulatory investigations launched by public agencies as well as in arbitrations before self-regulated organizations (SRO) including FINRA, Chicago Board of Trade/CME, the American Arbitration Association, National Futures Association, NYSE and JAMS.

In addition, clients call upon Mr. Voris to provide counsel as a means of "litigation preclusion" in strategic business planning and internal corporate investigations. He has acted as counsel for established businesses as well as entrepreneurs, partnerships, broker/dealers, investment advisory firms and limited liability companies in stock purchases and mergers. He has advised the Boards of both closely held and publicly traded corporations in mergers, sales, capital investment, lending and employment matters.

Experience

- Represented an international securities trading technology firm in a "bet the ranch" dispute with NASDAQ

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Litigation
Construction
Corporate
Real Estate

ADMISSIONS

Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

Boston College (A.B., *cum laude*)
DePaul University College of Law (J.D.); Editor of *The DePaul Law Review*



- Represented regional banking institution in workout of multistate, distressed loan portfolio involving approximately \$190 million in commercial real estate interests and manufacturing concerns
- Represented an international financial technology firm in its merger with a London-based technology conglomerate
- Litigated on behalf of privately held industrial operation against multinational creditor in foreign judgment dispute
- Conducted internal investigation for food processing concern following embezzlement by former CFO and minority shareholder
- 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

Professional/Community

- National Futures Association, Arbitrator
- Board of Directors, Michael D. Searle Foundation
- The Chicago Bar Association (Litigation Committee)
- American Bar Association (Litigation Section)
- Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
- Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation
- Board of Directors (former) Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Insights

ALERTS



Mediation vs. Litigation - When to Turn Swords into Ploughshares or Vice Versa
Alert, [April 5, 2010](#)