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OVERVIEW

Carson is an associate in the firm's Business Litigation Practice Group. He focuses on the intersection of enforcement actions, investigations, and litigation, assisting in representing clients on dozens of cases across a wide variety of civil litigation and appellate matters. He is a member of the state attorneys general (AG) litigation team, defending companies in a variety of industries, often involving claims under state Unfair, Deceptive, or Abusive Practices (UDAP) statutes. Carson is also an active member of the firm's Appellate + Supreme Court practice focusing on challenges to state election laws and redistricting plans in state and federal appellate courts throughout the U.S.

Prior to joining the firm, Carson served as a summer associate, and as a judicial extern for The Hon. Thomas T. Cullen, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Secured dismissal of a party on appeal in a high-profile business fraud matter brought by the New York Attorney General.
- Represented clients' interests as amici curiae in the U.S. Supreme Court arguing in favor of State Respondents' Article III standing to challenge the federal student-loan-relief plan.
- Represented client's interests as amicus curiae before the U.S. Supreme Court arguing in favor of overruling the *Chevron* deference doctrine.
- Successfully represented a veteran in an effort to restore Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits denied by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Representing a media company in multiple high-profile defamation cases brought in Delaware state trial court.
- Representing a religious institution challenging municipal zoning regulations under federal statutory and constitutional law in federal district court.
- Representing a state legislature in challenges to the state's absentee-voting laws.
- Representing multiple municipalities facing state and federal constitutional challenges to their redistricting plans.
- Represented a home security business in a contract dispute in Virginia state trial court.
- Assisted companies engaged in Virginia state trial court and appellate court litigation against an out-of-state receiver seeking post-judgment discovery. Helped secure complete reversal of trial court ruling for clients on

appeal, wholly disposing of the case.

AWARDS

- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Award for Effective Trial Advocacy
- Regional Champion and National Quarterfinalist, ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member, Virginia's LGBTQ+ Advisory Board (2023 – present)
- IRS Certified Volunteer tax preparer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial extern, District Judge Thomas T. Cullen, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, 2021-2022
- Campaign manager, Campaign to Re-Elect Representative Clay Cox, 2018
- Court intake officer, Professional Probation Services, Inc., 2017-2018

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2022
- Rhodes College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2019

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

LANGUAGES

- German

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Should Agency Adjudication Be Ended?,” Pacific Legal Foundation’s Center for the Separation of Powers.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “New York AG Adopts Final Preclearance Rule and Prepares for the NYVRA to Take Effect,” *Troutman Pepper*, September 5, 2024.
- Co-author, “New York’s Landmark Voting Rights Act: What You Need to Know,” *NYSAC News Magazine*, Summer 2024.
- Co-author, “New York AG Proposes Rules for Preclearance Under the New York Voting Rights Act,” *Troutman Pepper*, June 18, 2024.
- Co-author, “FTC Noncompete Rule Risks a Wave of State AG Actions,” *Law360*, May 23, 2024.
- Co-author, “2023 Privacy Year in Review,” *Troutman Pepper*, February 1, 2024.
- Co-author, “California Adopts Landmark GHG Emissions and Climate Risk Reporting Laws, Eclipsing Anticipated Federal Requirements,” *Troutman Pepper*, October 13, 2023.
- Co-author, “Tennessee-Led Coalition of 22 State AGs Send Warning Letter to Financial Service Providers Committed to ‘Net-Zero’ Emissions,” *Troutman Pepper Regulatory Oversight*, September 19, 2023.
- Co-author, “False Promises: As States Tackle Residential Solar Complaints, How Companies Can Avoid Problems,” *Utility Dive*, June 22, 2023.
- Co-author, “Mid-Atlantic Cannabis Regulatory Update,” *Troutman Pepper Regulatory Oversight*, May 4, 2023.
- Co-author, “2022 Regulatory Privacy Year in Review,” *Troutman Pepper*, February 2, 2023.
- Co-author, “FTC Noncompete Ban Could Open State Litigation Floodgate,” *Law360*, January 30, 2023.
- Co-author, “Missouri AG Sues Solar Company for Missouri Consumer Protection Violations,” *Troutman Pepper Regulatory Oversight*, January 13, 2023.
- Co-author, “Virginia’s Consumer Data Protection Act Is Not the Commonwealth’s Only Privacy and Data Protection Law — Nor Is it the Nation’s First,” *Troutman Pepper Regulatory Oversight*, November 29, 2022.
- Co-author, “Banking Group Sues Kentucky AG Daniel Cameron Over ESG Investigation,” *Troutman Pepper Regulatory Oversight*, November 28, 2022.
- Co-author, “Texas AG Joins Wave of Investigations Into Credit Ratings Companies’ ESG Data Usage in Financial Decision-Making,” *Troutman Pepper Regulatory Oversight*, October 7, 2022.
- Contributor, “5 Questions on Standing in the Wake of TransUnion,” *Law360*, July 22, 2021.