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Will is a commercial litigator who focuses on complex business disputes involving contracts, business torts, and trade secret misappropriation, with significant experience in federal and state courts, as well as before domestic and international arbitral bodies.

OVERVIEW

Will is a litigator and member of the firm's Corporate Espionage Response Team. In addition to handling a wide range of complex business litigation, he deals with the pressing issues that arise from trade secret misappropriation and non-compete disputes. Will's recent practice experience has involved clients in the fields of health care, investing, medical devices, construction, technology, manufacturing, mortgage lending and servicing, food and beverage, franchising, distribution, and consumer services.

The three most common types of claims in Will's litigations are: (1) breach of contract, (2) business torts, such as fraud, fiduciary duty violations, negligence, and misrepresentation; and (3) trade secret misappropriation. Additionally, Will has handled a number of matters involving the rights of shareholders in private companies.

While located in Boston, Will has appeared in many state and federal jurisdictions. Within Massachusetts, the litigation that Will handles in state and federal court often involves claims for violation of the Massachusetts statute, known as Chapter 93A, that protects consumers and prohibits unfair business practices.

Will's appellate experience includes successful representation of appellees before the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals for the First Circuit and Eleventh Circuit, respectively.

A substantial portion of Will's practice involves international parties with disputes before international and domestic arbitration institutions, and in state and federal court.

Representative engagements include significant commercial disputes before arbitral institutions in India, Singapore, England, New York, and Boston. The parties include companies and individuals from Brazil, Dubai, England, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Isle of Man, Spain, and Turkey. Will is involved with the Boston International Arbitration Council and has served as a moderator and speaker on several panels regarding domestic and international arbitration issues.

His pro bono experience has focused on projects for the PAIR Project, Homeless Advocacy Project, the Landlord/Tenant Program, and the Pennsylvania Innocence Project.

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Defeated all of opponent's claims and prevailed on most counterclaims in an arbitration involving a company's claim that its distributor had misappropriated its trade secrets and breached a licensing/distribution contract.
- Obtained summary judgment and prevailed at appellate stage before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in matter for leading investment company accused of breach of contract and violation of fiduciary duties.
- Settled a significant premises liability matter in Massachusetts state court on behalf of an international manufacturer.
- Assisted with securing a significant quantum award for client in an international arbitration taking place in India and London.
- Defended owners and shareholders against fiduciary duty and contract claims in Massachusetts state court.

AWARDS

- *Boston Magazine*, Top Lawyers List, Commercial Litigation (2023)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Corporate Espionage Response Team
- International Arbitration
- Litigation + Trial

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Corporate Espionage Response Team
- Health Care Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Litigation + Trial
- Noncompete + Trade Secrets

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D., 2006, lead research editor, *Temple Law Review*
- Northwestern University, B.A., 2000

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- Massachusetts

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- Massachusetts State Courts

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Economic Damages in Trade Secret Cases: Key Insights and Strategies," Boston Bar Association, December 4, 2024.
- Speaker, "Making Budget: Why Is International Arbitration So Expensive, and How Can You Keep Costs Down ," The Art of International Arbitration CLE: Practical Advice in International Arbitration, November 2, 2023.
- Presenter, "Risk Management in a Pandemic: What to Do Now," European American Chamber of Commerce New York, April 22, 2020.
- Moderator and Presenter, "The Art of International Arbitration," ICDR and Pepper Hamilton CLE Event, October 11, 2019.
- Moderator and Speaker, "Domestic and International Arbitration Panel," Lex Mundi Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Practice Group North America Regional Meeting, February 22, 2019.
- Presenter, "Safe Harbor 2.0: A Regulatory Update," Pepper Hamilton CLE Event, May 17, 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "SCOTUS Designates Dueling Delegation Decision to Courts," *Troutman Pepper*, May 29, 2024.
- Co-author, "5 Steps for Preventing and Mitigating Corporate Espionage," *Dark Reading*, January 3, 2024.
- Co-author, "A Tale of Two Startups: Intense Competition Leads to Attempted Corporate Espionage," *Troutman Pepper*, October 12, 2023.
- Co-author, "Troutman Pepper Launches Corporate Espionage Response Team," *The Legal Intelligencer*, October 12, 2023.
- Co-author, "Water Cooler Talk: Trade Secret Lessons From 'Severance'," *Law360*, January 20, 2023.
- Podcast, "What Can the Show Severance Teach Us About Trade Secrets?," *Hiring to Firing Podcast*, January 5, 2023.
- Co-author, "Mass. Uber Ruling Offers Insights on Online Contracts," *Law360*, January 25, 2021.
- Co-author, "CDC Publishes New Guidance for Office Buildings," *Client Alert*, June 1, 2020.
- Co-author, "Strategies to Identify and Mitigate the Risks Related to Whistleblower and Retaliation Claims Connected to COVID-19," *Client Alert*, May 4, 2020.
- Co-author, "Seven Top Trends in COVID-19 Litigation Targeting Business Practices," *Client Alert*, April 24, 2020.
- Co-author, "Defense Production Act FAQs," *Client Alert*, March 25, 2020.
- Co-author, "Template Protections for Essential Businesses That Continue to Operate," *Client Alert*, March 23, 2020.
- Co-author, "Drafting Force Majeure Clauses to Provide for Pandemic-Related Contingencies," *Client Alert*, March 19, 2020.
- Co-author, "COVID-19: Must Your Business Close?," *Client Alert*, March 17, 2020.
- Co-author, "Seven Steps to Address Trade Secret Misappropriation by Whistleblowers," *IPWatchdog,* January 22, 2020.
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Co-author, “How Safe Is That Harbor? The Impact of the Defend Trade Secrets Act’s Whistleblower Immunity Provision on a Trade Secret Owner’s Ability to Protect Its Trade Secrets,” *Client Alert*, September 13, 2019.

- Co-author, “EU Court of Justice: Safe Harbor Decision Permitting EU-U.S. Personal Data Transfers Is Invalid,” *Client Alert*, October 6, 2015.
- Co-author, “Advocate General of the EU Court of Justice: EU-U.S. Safe Harbor Act Is Not Safe for EU Citizens,” *Client Alert*, September 24, 2015.
- Co-author, “Microsoft Warrant Challenge Could Alter U.S.-EU Data Pact,” *Client Alert*, June 8, 2015.
- Co-author, “Feds Pose Privacy Risk by Grabbing Overseas ISP E-Mails,” *Law360*, September 9, 2014.
- Co-author, “Foreign Data Center Subject to Reach of U.S. Government,” *Client Alert*, August 22, 2014.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, “Troutman Pepper Launches Corp. Espionage Response Team,” *Law360*, October 13, 2023.
- Mentioned, “Wake Up Call: Buffalo Bills’ Top Lawyer Fired Over Relationship,” *Bloomberg Law*, October 13, 2023.
- Quoted, “Atlanta Partner to Co-Lead Troutman Pepper’s New Corporate Espionage Response Team,” *Daily Report*, October 12, 2023.
- Quoted, “Troutman Pepper Launches Corporate Espionage Response Team,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, October 12, 2023.