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Overview

William "Will" Black is an experienced civil litigator who represents businesses and corporations of all sizes in complex commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts. He handles matters for clients in a wide range of industries, including insurance broking, real estate, education, health services, food and beverage, and financial services. Will's experience includes disputes involving corporate governance, business torts, employment disputes, and the civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. Will is also an experienced appellate attorney in both state and federal courts. Will primarily practices in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Will is involved in pro bono matters involving the First Amendment's protections for free speech and assembly, as well as religious liberty issues in the local government context.

Before joining Day Pitney, Will clerked for Justice Francis X. Flaherty at the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Experience

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Secured summary judgment for insurance brokers against a financial services firm seeking an eight-figure recovery on a "failure to procure" claim

Secured summary judgment for multiple banks against borrowers seeking to nullify foreclosures of secured property

Secured favorable settlement for health services company following successful anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss counterclaims and obtaining an award of attorneys fees

Obtained favorable settlement for food and beverage company in dispute with a former executive

Represented large education provider in dispute with former employee resulting in favorable settlement

Obtained favorable decision from Massachusetts Appeals Court affirming lower court's judgment involving business valuation

Practices & Industries

Complex Commercial Litigation

Litigation

Obtained dismissal of claims by former public employee against public official who served as hearing officer in the employee's dismissal proceedings

Represented large biotech and pharmaceutical advisor in shareholder dispute resulting in favorable settlement

Secured favorable settlement for cannabis dispensary following successful anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss claims by former employee and obtaining an award of attorneys fees

Education and Credentials

Education

Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2018, *Suffolk University Law Review*, Articles Editor

Mercer University, B.A., 2011

Admissions

State of Rhode Island

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

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