

## LITIGATION

Covington litigators are best known for expertise in handling important, complex, and novel disputes. We approach every case with the expectation that it may be tried, and our trial lawyers have enjoyed notable successes before judges, arbitrators, and juries. At the same time, we have a strong track record in finding creative ways to resolve cases early, taking into account all of the client's legal, financial, and business objectives.

Our litigators include seasoned trial lawyers, appellate and arbitration specialists, and lawyers with deep substantive expertise in the legal, strategic, and practical issues presented in modern complex litigation. We often staff matters with multi-disciplinary teams that take advantage of the firm's broad regulatory practices and our deep expertise in the special characteristics and challenges of particular industries.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Defending Sony BMG Music Entertainment in purported class actions alleging that Sony fails to pay recording artists the proper royalties for digital music downloads and ringtones.
- Defending the National Football League in a wide array of antitrust matters addressing licensing of intellectual property, franchise relocation, and ownership rules, among other subjects.
- Representing Samsung in a patent infringement case brought by Genoa Corporation relating to DLP television technology.
- Secured an award of over \$1 billion for eleven oil companies against the United States in the Court of Federal Claims, and then the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, to remedy the government's breach of nearly three dozen oil and gas leases off the coast of California.
- Successfully represented Merck in two major arbitrations involving insurance coverage for product liability claims relating to Vioxx.
- Successfully challenged in the English High Court proposed solvent schemes of arrangement for insurance carriers that aimed to extinguish coverage for future claims by policyholders.
- Represented Freddie Mac in multiple securities class action and derivative lawsuits brought in the wake of the company's \$5 billion restatement of earnings, obtaining a very favorable global settlement after prevailing on a novel defense to class certification. We also defended the client in related regulatory investigations by banking authorities and the SEC.
- Successfully defended Verizon against class action claims that the cash balance formula of its pension plan violates the age provision of ERISA, and separately persuaded the Seventh Circuit to overturn a district court ruling that IBM's cash balance plan was age discriminatory, thus avoiding a \$1.4 billion liability for the IBM pension plan.
- Successfully represented Thomson Reuters and i-Deal LLC before the Federal Circuit obtaining reversal of an \$85 million judgment and permanent injunction in a patent case involving electronic municipal bond auctions.
- Successfully represented Exxon Shipping Company in a Supreme Court challenge to a \$2.5 billion punitive damages award in the Exxon Valdez case.
- Successfully defended UBS in a nationwide class action alleging race discrimination.

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## ACCOLADES

- *The American Lawyer*, Litigation Department of the Year Finalist (2008)
- *Chambers USA*, recognition of 28 litigators and eight litigation practice groups (2009)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, recognition of 60 litigators in 13 areas of law (2009)
- *Legal 500*, recognition of 15 litigators and five litigation practice groups (2009)
- *Euromoney's Expert Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers*, recognition of 18 litigators (2009)
- *National Law Journal's* "Appellate Hot List" (2008-2009)
- Chambers USA Award for Excellence, Insurance (2007, 2009)
- *Euromoney's Expert Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers*, recognition of eight litigators (2009)
- *Euromoney's Expert Guide to the World's Leading White Collar Crime Lawyers*, recognition of two litigators (2009)
- Ranked by *The Lawyer* as one of the top 50 global litigation practices (December 2009).
- *Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journal*, "Top 75 Women Litigators," recognition of San Francisco litigator Sonya Winner (2007-2008)
- *National Law Journal's* "The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America," recognition of Covington litigator, Thomas Williamson (2008)
- *DC Super Lawyers*, recognition of 25 litigators (2008)
- *California Super Lawyers*, recognition of nine litigators (2008)
- *New York Super Lawyers*, recognition of seven litigators (2008)