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John Canoni
Partner

John Canoni is a partner in the Dallas office of Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, with a specialized emphasis in business litigation, partnership disputes, products liability, trade secrets, and employment matters. He has represented manufacturing, financial services, automotive, pharmaceutical, chemical, hospitality, and consumer goods companies in a broad range of corporate governance, real estate, banking, securities and other commercial litigation matters. He has successfully tried cases before juries in state and federal courts and argued before state and federal appellate courts.

Mr. Canoni has defended large and mid-size companies against employment discrimination and harassment claims, as well as provided proactive counseling and training to protect against such claims. He has prosecuted on behalf of, and defended, companies of all manner and sizes with respect to fraud, negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, and theft of trade secret claims in the financial services, real estate, hospitality, manufacturing, securities, and consulting contexts.

Mr. Canoni has more than twenty-six years of litigation experience in product defect cases involving automotive, pharmaceutical, alcohol, personal care, food and toy products. He has an extensive background in mass tort actions involving claimed exposure to asbestos, chemical, silica and tobacco products. He has served as national coordinating counsel for multiple asbestos defendants, for whom he developed, instituted and managed comprehensive defense strategies and closely coordinated the work of liaison counsel throughout the country.

Mr. Canoni earned his Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law and a bachelor's degree in political science from Amherst College. His prior work experience includes working as a Partner at Barclay Damon LLP, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP, and as an Associate with Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan

The following are examples of Mr. Canoni's experience:

- Obtained a preliminary injunction on behalf of a specialty pharmacy company preventing former employees from violating non-compete agreements by calling on the company's customers.
- Defended an automotive products supplier against more than 75,000 asbestos personal injury claims nationwide. Orchestrated successful corporate defense strategies for the client, resulting in multiple defense verdicts.
- Defended a CEO of a major mutual fund company against federal and state criminal charges, as well as multi-district civil complaints arising out of mutual fund market timing investigations.
- Defended a muffler manufacturer in a vehicle fire case in New York, and won summary judgment dismissing the plaintiffs' manufacturing and design defect claims.
- Defended a manufacturer in an employee's intentional tort action involving a workplace exposure injury in Ohio, and successfully argued a summary judgment motion, obtaining a dismissal at the trial court level.
- Defended a truck axle manufacturer in consolidated wheel separation lawsuits in New York alleging defective design and manufacture, and negotiated for dismissal of the actions based on evidence uncovered from third parties in aggressive discovery maneuvers.

- Defended an automobile brake manufacturer against a successor liability claim in Florida, and won a pre-trial motion excluding virtually all of the plaintiff's evidence against the client, leading to an immediate dismissal of the claim.

His civic involvement includes serving as President of the Board of Trustees of the Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY. He also is a former Vice President and current Member of House Committee of The University Club in New York, NY

Education

J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1993

B.A., cum laude, in Political Science and Economics, Amherst College, 1990

Bar Admissions

New York, 1994

New Jersey, 1993

Texas (Application Pending)

All District Courts in New York

District of New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

Awards, Accolades and Recognition

Martindale-Hubbell "AV" Peer Review Rated for Very High to Preeminent Ethical Standards and Legal Ability

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