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Litigation

Focus

Litigation is ultimately about winning. Although we take great pride in our legal craft, including our written work product and our oral advocacy, we understand that it is all merely a means to a victorious end for our clients. To achieve victory, we focus on five key elements: judgment, knowledge, attitude, preparation, and resources. That is what you will find in Levenfeld Pearlstein's Litigation Practice Group: highly skilled and experienced [Chicago lawyers](#) with excellent litigation judgment and specialized legal knowledge who are dedicated to you and your case, and who have the drive and the resources to win.

Overview

Litigation Judgment - There is no "one-size-fits-all" approach to managing a case. Each matter is unique and must be analyzed on its own merits. Some litigation cases require stealth and speed, while others require strength and endurance. Some cases should be tried to verdict, while others should be settled quickly. Our litigators understand how to evaluate these issues and determine the best strategy and tactics for your particular litigation problem.

Specific Knowledge and Experience - We believe that the days of the generalist litigator are over. Our clients need specific litigation solutions to specific litigation problems. Accordingly, each of our litigators develops an in-depth knowledge and technical understanding of a particular subject matter and/or practice area. Indeed, many of our lawyers have significant business backgrounds, having previously worked for the industries and companies that they now represent. By matching each litigator's particularized knowledge and experience to the specific needs of our clients, we are able to ensure that each case is managed by a Chicago attorney who understands the nuances of the subject matter at issue.

Attitude - Our litigators have a profound desire to win - not because that is our job, but because that is who we are. That is the spirit that animates us. We are hungry. We are aggressive. And we will not rest until our clients prevail.

Preparation - We are well aware that success is found where preparation meets opportunity, and we will never be outworked by our adversaries. At the same time,

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we recognize the economic realities of modern-day litigation, and we work closely with our clients to focus on those tasks that have the greatest expected value, whether at trial or in settlement. As a result, we can achieve the optimal level of preparation, while staffing our cases leanly and working efficiently to achieve victory for our clients.

Resources - We understand that technology is a great equalizer, and we use state-of-the-art technological resources to handle large, complex matters against larger opponents. We also rely on human resources in the service of our clients. Indeed, there is substantial interconnection between our practice groups - reinforced by our technology - such that we can share relevant institutional knowledge throughout the firm, thus leveraging our collective wisdom to advance our clients' interests.

Representative Matters

- Successfully obtained an entire dismissal **with prejudice** in a multimillion-dollar fraud and breach of fiduciary duty claim filed in 2004 against a large Chicago bank and one of its officers
- Defended property owners and managers of multiple housing complexes in Federal litigation that began as a class action lawsuit seeking over \$50 million for alleged mold contamination
- Obtained a complete defense verdict and expungement in a \$450 million securities arbitration brought against a major New York broker-dealer and one of its former managing directors
- Defended a former managing director of a major New York investment bank in a \$900 million arbitration hearing in Denver involving WorldCom, and obtained a complete defense verdict
- Completed litigation of a significant insurance coverage dispute for a breast cancer and leukemia patient whose medical insurer wrongly denied coverage for approximately \$200,000 in medical bills, and received payment equal to over 125 percent of the medical bills ultimately owed
- Successfully represented a client in the settlement of a large-scale breach of contract claim in the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County
- Defended a subsidized housing complex case filed by over 100 plaintiffs who claimed they had been racially discriminated against as a result of allegedly poor housing conditions