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Intellectual Property | Construction & Real Estate Litigation | Corporate

Dispute resolution advocate and above all – problem solver; active neutral.

William Zucker a trial attorney and business adviser for more than 30 years, in national and international disputes. He has served in a number of special capacities including being a special assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to investigate the construction and design issues arising from the construction of the Central Artery/Tunnel known as the Big Dig. William has litigated a number of leading cases in the areas of intellectual property, data privacy and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, construction, foreign sovereign immunity, corporate management, the investigation of the largest corporate fraud pre-Enron, and anti-trust claims in the biotech area arising after the Actavis decision of the Supreme Court. Starting in 1998, William has led teams of intellectual property lawyers who partnered with various information technology service partners to develop wrap around solutions for technology and outsourcing problems. This representation has included all aspects of technology licensing, vendor relationships, protection of intellectual property and outsourcing. William's outsourcing work stemmed in part from his acting for a series of clients in mergers and acquisition transactions and led to his becoming a senior risk and outsourcing advisor for the Cutter Consortium. More recently, because of his work in international arbitration, William was asked to chair the committee of the International Institute of Conflict Prevention and Resolutions charged with developing "think tank" proposals for accelerated commercial arbitration to address the interplay between domestic U.S. law and the global community. William currently serves as a neutral in arbitration matters. As a neutral and as an advocate, he has also tried cases in the areas of intellectual property (i.e. trade secret, computer security and internet matters, licensing, patent, trademark, copyright), franchising, construction and a wide variety of business disputes and torts involving, for example, fiduciary obligations, lending disputes, partnerships and joint venture disagreements, breach of confidentiality agreements, real estate disputes, and employment disputes.

William has authored a number of publications, including one of the chapters in the Handbook of Information Security published by John Wiley and the chapter on business litigation for the guide for Massachusetts lawyers published by MCLE. He serves on the arbitration panels for the American Arbitration Association, the International Center for Dispute Resolution and the International Institute of Conflict Prevention and Resolution. He is an elected member of the College of Investment Arbitrators and a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He has lectured on trial practice and has received recognition for his trial practice record in Martindale-Hubbell. William formerly chaired the Technology and Litigation Groups at Gadsby Hannah LLP before joining McCarter & English LLP.

Representative Matters

Client—Enforcement of land use restrictions

Successful enforcement of land use restrictions against claims that such restrictions were void as a matter of public policy because they allegedly contravened G. L. ch. 91 and its regulation of Commonwealth and private tidelands.

Client—Administrative trial of Defense Base Act claims

Successful defense of client after an administrative trial of Defense Base Act claims by group of Danish nationals claiming radioactivity exposure as a result of the crash of a B-52 bomber near Thule Air Base in Greenland.

South Shore Hospital—Arbitration

Represented South Shore Hospital in its claims under a Stop Loss Policy in arbitration arising out of high-cost, special treatments necessitated for a young cancer patient resulting in an arbitration award for the full amount of the claim plus double damages and attorney's fees.

Lender—Fraudulent inducement of a loan

Represented a lender claiming fraudulent inducement in the making of a loan and acceptance of certain guarantees that was tried in Federal Court and resulted in recovery of single damages that the Court then trebled as well as awarded attorney's fees.

Pharmaceutical company—Defense in class action claims

Serving as local counsel in the defense of the first Actavis class action claims that were tried to a jury with a defense verdict.

Various companies—Investigation and prosecution of patent infringements

Investigation and prosecution for infringement of patents, particularly in the area of computer software.

Family planning clinic—Pro bono

Pro bono counseling of a family planning clinic.

Education

Harvard Law School, JD, 1972

Yale University, BA English and Political Science, 1968

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

Court Admissions

Supreme Judicial Court, Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, First and Second Circuits

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island

U.S. Supreme Court,

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Memberships and Certifications

Wm Vis International Moot Court
2006–2018

American Bar Association
Intellectual Property, Science & Technology, Litigation Committees

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Boston Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

American Inns of Court

Cutter Consortium's Panel of Senior Consultants (risk management and outsourcing)

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation and of Boston Bar Foundation
Member

College of Investment Arbitrators
Member

CI Arb
Fellow

Recognitions*

The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, Massachusetts, 2013–2024

Massachusetts Super Lawyer, 2004–2021

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Alerts

Hurricanes Are Coming — Can Your Insurance Weather the Storms?, Insurance Recovery, Litigation & Counseling Alert, 8.22.2017