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Top 30 Firm

Global Arbitration Review's GAR 30, 2022

Leading Firm for General Commercial Litigation; Litigation: Securities; Litigation: International Arbitration; White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

Chambers USA, 2023

International Arbitration Firm of the Year

Benchmark Litigation U.S. Awards, 2020, 2023

Leading Firm for International Arbitration

Chambers Latin America, 2022

Leading Firm for Arbitration (International); Dispute Resolution (Global: Multi-Jurisdictional)

Chambers Global, 2023

Recent Highlights

- T-Mobile US and Deutsche Telekom on antitrust matters related to T-Mobile US's merger with Sprint Corporation, including securing a decisive victory for T-Mobile in an unprecedented multistate lawsuit in an attempt to block the merger.
- National Amusements Inc. (NAI), Shari Redstone, and Sumner Redstone in Delaware Chancery Court litigation against CBS Corporation and certain members of its board of directors concerning CBS's attempt to dilute NAI's voting control of CBS, ending in a favorable resolution rescinding dilutive stock dividend and dismissal of all claims.
- Western Digital's subsidiary SanDisk in a high-stakes ICC arbitration against Toshiba regarding transfer content rights in joint ventures worth billions of dollars.
- Petrobras, PGF, and current and former officers and directors in a securities fraud class action litigation and 35 individual actions in connection with the Operation Carwash corruption scandal, securing a significant victory in reportedly the largest corruption scandal in Latin American history.
- Sabre Holdings in defending against litigation brought by American Airlines and US Airways challenging non-discrimination provisions in an agreement to distribute flights and fares through Sabre's computerized reservation system.
- Vale in an arbitration against BSG Resources, LTD., securing a \$2 billion victory - one of the largest commercial arbitration awards ever made.
- Teladoc, as plaintiff, in winning a preliminary injunction against the Texas Medical Board, preventing the implementation of a rule that would have ended telehealth in Texas.
- NatWest and Credit Lyonnais in a summary judgment win dismissing all claims, which brought an end to 17 years of hard-fought, billion-dollar litigation under the U.S. Anti-Terrorism Act.
- Polychain in obtaining the dismissal with prejudice of a class action complaint for alleged violations of the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with the alleged unregistered sale and marketing of Internet Computer Project tokens.
- Change Healthcare at trial in a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Department of Justice seeking to enjoin the procompetitive \$13 billion merger of Change and UnitedHealth Group, which was summarily dismissed.
- Allergan in successfully securing summary judgment and full dismissal of a securities fraud class action that claimed Allergan misled investors regarding an alleged increased risk of a rare form of cancer associated with Allergan's textured breast implants.

Nationally Ranked for Antitrust, Bankruptcy, General Commercial, International Arbitration, Securities, and White-Collar Crime

Benchmark Litigation, 2019-2023

Leading Firm for Commercial Litigation: Premium

The Legal 500 UK, 2023

Leading Firm for Dispute Resolution: International Litigation; General Commercial Disputes; Financial Services: Litigation; International Arbitration; M&A: Litigation: Defense; Securities Litigation: Defense

The Legal 500 U.S., 2023

Leading Firm for International Arbitration

Chambers Brazil, 2022

Top-Tier Firm for Dispute Resolution—Commercial Litigation; Dispute Resolution—Stock Market Litigation (France)

The Legal 500 EMEA, 2022

White-Collar Crime/Investigations Firm of the Year

Benchmark Litigation U.S. Awards, 2021

White-Collar Practice Group of the Year

Law360, 2021

Italian Litigation Firm of the Year

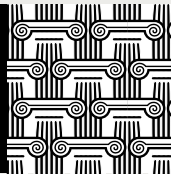
LegalCommunity Litigation Awards, 2021

International Arbitration Team of the Year

Legal Business, 2020

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