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Named a BTI Client Service All-Star, Larry's ability to zealously advocate for his clients in court is well recognized. He has more than 30 years of experience litigating complex commercial, arbitration, and white-collar criminal defense matters. Larry also serves as Winston's General Counsel.

Larry represents a variety of corporations in courts throughout the United States, and is a veteran of litigation matters involving a wide range of issues, including Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) and contract disputes, antitrust/price fixing, and fraud actions.

Key Matters

- *Certain Underwriters at Lloyds of London v. Abbott Laboratories*. Successfully defended a recession claim and obtained an US\$85M judgment on behalf of Abbott Laboratories under product recall insurance policy following a lengthy trial in the Circuit Court of Cook County.
- *Morningstar, Inc. v. The Mills Corporation*. Obtained a fraud judgment after a trial on behalf of Morningstar, Inc. in connection with a long-term commercial real estate lease.

- *Motorola, Inc. v. Lemko Corp.; Huawei Technologies, Inc.* Represented Motorola, Inc. in bringing action for theft of trade secrets.
- *Roadmaster Corporation v. General Electric Company.* Defended a US\$100M breach of warranty claim arising under the UCC.
- *United States v. General Electric Company.* Successful defense of a criminal price-fixing action after six-week jury trial.
- *In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation II.* Defended a nationwide class action alleging that PPG Industries, Inc. (PPG) conspired to fix prices and energy surcharges for construction flat glass from 2002 to 2006.
- *In re Automotive Refinishing Paint Antitrust Litigation.* Represented PPG in a nationwide antitrust class action litigation alleging price fixing.
- *Crichton v. Golden Rule Insurance Company.* Successfully defended a large class action challenge to health insurance premiums under the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act.
- *JoAnn Howard and Associates P.C. v. Cassity, et al.* Defended a major bank against a breach of fiduciary duty case arising from a large pyramid scheme.
- *Fox v. Prime Group Realty Trust, et al.* Defeated a preliminary injunction to prevent a merger and defended against breach of fiduciary duty claims.
- *Credit Bureau Services Inc. v. Corelogic Inc.* Successfully defended an alleged conspiracy to restrain trade in violation of the Sherman Act.
- *In re America Continental Corporation/Lincoln Savings and Loan Securities Litigation.* Four-month jury trial regarding class action securities fraud claims arising out of the failure of Charles Keating's Lincoln Savings and Loan.
- *United States v. National On Leong Chinese Merchants Society.* Successfully defended a criminal RICO prosecution after five-month jury trial.

Recognitions

Larry was named an "Illinois Litigation Star" in the 2015 edition of *Benchmark Litigation US* and has been recognized in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation. He has also been named a BTI "Client Service All-Star," an elite group of attorneys nominated by clients in an objective, independent study as the very best in client service.

Activities

Larry serves as Winston & Strawn's General Counsel.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Larry received a B.S., *summa cum laude*, from Northern Illinois University in 1980, and he received a J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1983, where he was topics editor of the *University of Illinois Law Review* and was awarded the Rickert Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Excellence in Legal Writing.

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Related Insights & News

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024

AUGUST 17, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in 2019 Edition of *Benchmark Litigation*

OCTOBER 19, 2018

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Pro Bono Reporter – Fall 2017

FALL 2017

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Pro Bono Reporter – Summer 2016

SUMMER 2016

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized as Litigation Stars in *Benchmark Litigation*

OCTOBER 1, 2015

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Named Chicago Litigation Department of the Year by *National Law Journal*

APRIL 20, 2015

NEWS

Winston & Strawn Wins Major Victory for Abbott Laboratories

MAY 22, 2013

NEWS

Winston & Strawn Successfully Defeats Shareholder Strike Suit for PGRT

DECEMBER 28, 2012

RECOGNITIONS

Scott Glauberman Recognized as Class Action “Rising Star” by *Law360*
MARCH 16, 2012

NEWS

Winston & Strawn Successfully Represents LG Electronics USA
OCTOBER 20, 2010

IN THE MEDIA

Winston Successfully Represents LG Electronics in False Advertising Dispute with Whirlpool Corp.
OCTOBER 20, 2010

Capabilities

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Antitrust/Competition

Litigation/Trials

Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance

Class Actions & Group Litigation

Financial Services

Medical Devices

Health Care

Insurance

Technology, Media & Telecommunications