

WHY CHOOSE WINSTON?

Litigation Career Opportunities

Winston & Strawn has a long-standing reputation as a litigation powerhouse.

Known as a trial lawyer's firm, clients often come to Winston for assistance with business-critical issues. We routinely handle the most significant and complex disputes and regulatory matters that major U.S. and global businesses face.

CHALLENGING AND INTERESTING ASSIGNMENTS

Winston's Litigation Department offers associates the opportunity to develop trial skills early in their careers. At Winston, you will work alongside industry-leading trial lawyers on high-stakes and often precedent-setting and industry-changing cases.

CORE PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust/Competition
- Appellate & Critical Motions
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- eDiscovery & Information Governance
- Government Investigations, Enforcement, and Compliance
- Intellectual Property
- International Arbitration
- Labor & Employment
- Product Liability & Mass Torts
- Securities Litigation

NOTABLE WINS

- Secured a historic \$2.75B+ settlement for college-athlete clients in antitrust litigation against the NCAA, addressing NIL compensation, academic achievement awards, and "pay-for-play" rules.
- Achieved a resounding trial victory for Alphatec by defeating NuVasive's \$49M damages claim for tortious interference with its fixed-term exclusive distributorship agreements.

Rankings and Recognitions

LAW360

- Practice Group of the Year: Antitrust/Competition (2021, 2024)
- Practice Group of the Year: Securities (2024)
- Practice Group of the Year: Sports (2021–2024)

CHAMBERS USA

- 25 Litigation Practices Ranked in Bands 1 & 2 (2024)

BENCHMARK LITIGATION U.S.

- Top 20 Trial Law Firm (2019–2025)
- 7 partners named to the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America (2025)
- 6 partners named to the Top 250 Women in Litigation (2024)
- 9 attorneys named to the 40 & Under Hot List (2024)

BEST LAW FIRMS®

- Law Firm of the Year: Antitrust (2020, 2023)
- Law Firm of the Year: Sports Law (2020–2022, 2024)
- 23 National Tier 1 Litigation Practices (2025)

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FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTORS

5

FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN
COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

115+

FORMER JUDICIAL CLERKS

“Winston partners’ commitment to mentorship and learning through quality work assignments has been invaluable to my professional development.”

DION J. ROBBINS, LITIGATION ASSOCIATE

ASSIGNMENTS & STAFFING

Litigation is a team sport, and a hallmark of Winston’s Litigation Department is our collaborative and collegial culture. We are tightly connected, with associates routinely working across offices and practice groups, which provides many opportunities to work with different teams while learning new areas of law.

We staff our cases leanly, which means you will have challenging work that fosters your professional development from day one. We have a fully dedicated assignment manager who works closely with our career development advisor to align work opportunities with associate interests and professional development needs wherever possible. Our assignment manager also works closely with a team of assignment partners in each office to ensure junior associates have a team of lawyers and professional staff supporting their development.

Our first- and second-year associates are members of the General Litigation practice group, which provides career insights and introductions to all litigation department practice groups and key administrative departments, facilitating a two-year learning opportunity before they affiliate with a primary practice group. Even after joining a practice group, associates are encouraged, where practical, to work across practice groups and offices—developing a tailored practice mix as they progress.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Winston University is a best-in-class training program designed to help you achieve peak performance at every stage of your career.

First-year associates begin with a **Litigation Jumpstart Program**, which includes live and on-demand courses covering broad-based learning tracks and substantive practice area-specific courses. Below is a sample of the kinds of learning opportunities that may be offered to litigation associates.

LITIGATION JUMPSTART PROGRAM

- Litigation “Primer”
- Depositions: Preparing and Attending
- Trial: An Associate’s Role
- Effective Legal Writing




LITIGATION SKILLS SERIES

- Winston University Writers’ Institute
- Pretrial Practice – including pretrial investigation, pleading and motion drafting, and discovery
- Trial Skills – including oral presentation, witness preparation, and use of exhibits

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Anatomy of a Deposition Workshop
- Winston Institute of Trial Advocacy—a hands-on trial skills series culminating in a mock trial conducted by Winston associates
- Winston in Recess – mock oral argument practice with feedback back from Winston partners.
- Professional Skills intensives on topics including feedback, communication, and time management that occur at inflection points of an associate’s career.

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