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Sam focuses his practice on critical motions and appeals, drawing on his experience as a Seventh Circuit clerk to produce clear and persuasive written work product when it matters most. Sam has experience in all aspects of litigation, from initial case workup through jury verdict and beyond.

In state and federal courts, Sam has represented clients both big and small—as plaintiffs and defendants—in cases involving complex issues like trade secrets, products liability, securities fraud, trademarks, contracts, and other commercial disputes.

Recent Experience

Secured Nearly US\$105M Trial Victory Against Ford Motor Co.

Activities

Sam maintains an active pro bono practice. During law school, he interned at the Liberty Justice Center, where he worked on various legal issues affecting Illinois small businesses. Sam has also assisted Winston's pro bono clients in a range of civil and criminal matters. For example, Sam was part of the team that secured a landmark settlement on behalf of Jewish college students who sued their public university for religious discrimination.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Sam graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he served as the managing articles editor of the *University of Illinois Law Review* and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He also won awards for excellence in writing and advocacy and received the "Best Oralist" award for his performance at the 2017 Frederick Green Moot Court Competition, where he argued before a panel of state and federal appellate judges.

After practicing at Winston for two years, Sam clerked for Judge Michael S. Kanne on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He then returned to Winston and has since focused his practice on making clear and compelling arguments—on paper and from the podium. In addition to his practice, Sam is also an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Law, where he coaches moot court.

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

CLERKSHIPS

- USCA - Seventh Circuit for the Honorable Michael S. Kanne

Related Insights & News

- Note: Sam Zuidema, *Raising Heller: Constitutional Scrutiny in a New Age of Second Amendment Rights*, 2018 Ill. L. Rev. 813.
- Sam Zuidema, *An Illusory Right? Revisiting Illinois' Right to Keep and Bear Arms*, 2018 Ill. L. Rev. Online 228.
- Mason W. Kienzle & Samuel M. Zuidema, *Unjust Enrichment in Illinois: Uncommon Confusion Over a Common Claim*, 2020 Ill. L. Rev. Online 53.

CLIENT SUCCESS

Winston Secures Tremendous Victory in Jury Trial of High-Stakes Contract and Trade Secrets Dispute

OCTOBER 28, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Team Led by Dan Webb and Matthew Carter Featured in Litigator of the Week Column

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NEWS

Winston Wins Dismissal for The J.M. Smucker Company in Proposed Class Action

APRIL 7, 2020

CLIENT ALERT

First COVID-19 Stock-Drop Litigation Filed

MARCH 24, 2020

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston & Strawn Secures Landmark Settlement with California State University Safeguarding Jewish Student Rights

MARCH 20, 2019

Capabilities

Appellate & Critical Motions

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Trade Secrets, Non Competes & Restrictive Covenants

Product Liability & Mass Torts

Securities, M&A & Corporate Governance Litigation

Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Health Care

Life Sciences