



## Ross Corbett

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**Ross helps clients navigate business disputes, consumer class actions, and government investigations. Clients benefit from his experience as a judicial clerk and a former university professor, and they trust him to present complex ideas with clarity.**

Ross represents clients in complex litigation and investigative matters, including class action defense, professional liability, and suits to enforce his clients' rights. His clients are primarily in the financial, consumer products, and professional services sectors.

He has extensive experience addressing claims of consumer fraud, whether cast as a violation of state consumer protection statutes, breach of contract, unjust enrichment, or common-law torts. His matters frequently involve issues of federal preemption, including FDA regulation of health-related claims on food labels and dietary supplements and federal regulation of consumer bank fees. Clients also consult him while conducting M&A due diligence for his expertise in consumer advertising litigation.

Ross has represented clients in state and federal courts around the country at both the trial and appellate court level. He has advised individuals subject to criminal investigation by federal authorities. He also has experience addressing matters with the Chicago Board of Ethics and the Chicago Office of Inspector General.

Ross joined Winston’s litigation team after clerking for Hon. Milton Shadur in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

## Key Matters

- Defending an international financial institution in several putative nationwide consumer fraud class actions concerning various account fees, including garnishment fees and overdraft fees.
- Representing a major dietary supplement manufacturer in several putative nationwide consumer fraud class actions concerning its products’ contents and labeling.
- Obtained dismissal of a consumer fraud claim against a major retailer threatened with a potential nationwide class action over how much “true” aloe was in its products.
- Defending a hospital in a putative consumer fraud class action concerning its Medicare billing practices.
- Assisting a major technology firm in investigating and combatting an international criminal fraud targeting its customers.
- Bringing a constitutional and administrative law challenge on behalf of licensees in the electronic gambling industry.
- Representing a financial consulting firm in various lawsuits arising from its M&A services.
- Seeking indemnification for breach of representations and warranties following a business acquisition on behalf of a pet supply company.
- Defending a professional services firm from allegations of secondary liability under state “blue sky” securities laws in related federal and state cases.
- Representing an auditing firm against claims of malpractice and fraud in connection with its audit opinions.

Ross’s pro bono activities include obtaining asylum for detained refugees, representing Illinois prisoners held in extreme isolation, representing a Chicago legal aid service from which a litigant sought discovery, and managing an internal investigation on behalf of a Chicago nonprofit organization.

## Recent Experience

TZP Group Acquires a Majority Stake in Kindred Bravely

Illinois Supreme Court Remands Case To Cook County Circuit Court

Winston Obtains Dismissal of Déjà Vu Consumer Fraud Class Action

## Recognitions

Ross was recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in the area of Commercial Litigation (2021–2024).

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Ross received a B.A., *cum laude*, in government and politics in 1999 from the University of Maryland – College Park, a Ph.D. in political science in 2005 from the University of Toronto, and a J.D., *magna cum laude*, in 2015 from Northwestern University School of Law. While in law school, he was executive articles editor of the *Journal of International Human Rights* and served as an extern at the Illinois Office of the Attorney General in the Civil Prosecutions & Administrative Review Unit.

## ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

## CLERKSHIPS

- USDC - Northern District of IL for the Honorable Milton Shadur

## Related Insights & News

- Ross J. Corbett & James E. Pfander, *An Empirical Assessment of Bivens Claims*, in *Constitutional Torts and the War on Terror*, by James E. Pfander (2017)
- *Recusant Witnesses and the McCarthyite Congressional Investigations*, 5 Brit. J. Am. Legal Stud. 123 (2016)
- *Kiobel, Bauman, and the Presumption Against the Extraterritorial Application of the Alien Tort Statute*, 13 Nw. J. Int'l Human Rts. 50 (2015)

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America 2024*

AUGUST 17, 2023

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2023*

AUGUST 18, 2022

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## BLOG

Overdraft Fee Litigation May Follow Renewed Regulatory Interest

DECEMBER 23, 2021

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2022*

AUGUST 19, 2021

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## CLIENT ALERT

Supreme Court Holds That the Violation of a Statutory Right Is Insufficient to Establish Article III Standing in a Damages Action

JUNE 30, 2021

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## IN THE MEDIA

Fed. Judge Certifies Class in Solitary Confinement Suit Against IDOC

JUNE 23, 2021

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## PRO BONO IN ACTION

Federal Court Certifies Class in Lawsuit Challenging Excessive Solitary Confinement in Illinois Prisons

JUNE 16, 2021

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2021

AUGUST 20, 2020

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## CLIENT ALERT

Supreme Court Strikes Restrictions on Removing CFPB Director, but Allows Agency to Continue Operating

JUNE 30, 2020

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## CLIENT ALERT

Supreme Court Rules States May Require Some Out-of-State Businesses to Collect Sales Tax

JUNE 21, 2018

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## PRO BONO IN ACTION

Pro Bono Reporter – Fall 2017

FALL 2017

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## Capabilities

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Litigation/Trials

Intellectual Property

Appellate & Critical Motions

Class Actions & Group Litigation

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Advertising Litigation

Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Financial Services

Professional Services