



Commercial Litigation

Bryan Cave's Commercial Litigation group regularly handles jury trials, bench trials, arbitrations, mediations and administrative and regulatory proceedings for all manner of complex business disputes. We also counsel clients on how to avoid litigation and resolve business disputes without litigation. Our experience combined with our technology and attention to cost-effective litigation translate to favorable and prompt results for our clients.

We have more than 400 business litigators across the firm. Our clients range from private family-owned businesses to some of the largest publicly traded companies, in industries such as manufacturing, transportation, retail, technology, energy, financial services, pharmaceutical, health care, hospitality and real estate.

Our Trial Experience

We have successfully represented clients in virtually all areas of litigation and in nearly every state and federal court in the U.S., as well as all of the leading international arbitral institutions. We serve as national or coordinating trial counsel for many clients in jurisdictions across the U.S. Our trial teams include a former United States

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Cost Effective Litigation

We understand our clients' need for cost management and take an aggressive approach to reducing the cost of litigation. Our approach includes:

- **Alternative fees.** We embrace alternative fee structures that align our interests with our clients' interests and give our clients predictability with respect to cost. Because of our extensive experience within the field, we understand the potential risks involved in different types of litigation, and can develop cost-effective fee structures for discrete stages of litigation.
- **Streamlined e-discovery.** We made aggressive and intelligent investments in people, facilities and technology to reduce the mounting costs of e-discovery. We use powerful concept-searching software that accelerates the average review time. We have a dedicated document review team, made up of domestic contract lawyers trained and supervised by Bryan Cave professionals, that can be deployed at virtually a moment's notice.
- **eTrial.** We are among the most active users of web-based case management tools in the world – we house many terabytes of discovery and evidence materials accessed by hundreds of lawyers, clients, experts and consultants. We use cutting-edge technology at trial, including multimedia briefs and remote monitoring of courtroom proceedings so that subject-matter experts can provide real-time input on case strategy from anywhere in the world.
- **Custom technology solutions.** We develop technologies to make high volume litigation more cost-effective for our clients. For example, we created a risk assessment and management application for a mortgage company facing hundreds of class action and other suits. The technology allows us to assess the costs, risks and probable outcomes of a case



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as it progresses, so that we can determine at any point whether it makes sense to settle or continue on to trial.

Areas of Experience

Bryan Cave's commercial litigation practice focuses on counseling, preparation for and trial of all varieties of commercial claims. Our areas of experience include:

- Complex Business Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- ERISA and Employee Benefits Litigation
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Franchise and Distributor Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- Insurance Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Real Estate Litigation
- Unfair Competition Litigation