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Bob Cahill is a commercial litigation partner focused on representing companies in the technology, real estate and life sciences industries, among others, in a diverse range of high-stakes, complex disputes. Over the course of his career, Bob has litigated matters across the US concerning antitrust, complex commercial transactions, land use and real estate transactions, corporate governance, government contracts, pharmaceuticals, fraud/trade secrets and securities. Bob's generalist approach to his practice has positioned him to be a dependable, sought-out litigator for companies no matter the issue.

Bob has substantial jury and nonjury trial experience in federal and state courts, and he also regularly practices before AAA and ICC arbitration panels. Of particular note is Bob's significant experience practicing before Virginia state and federal courts, at both the trial and appellate levels.

Representative matters include:

- Counsel for defendant in action seeking over \$400 million in damages for alleged breaches of contract, fraud and deceptive trade practices. Case dismissed by the North Carolina Business Court, a ruling affirmed by the North Carolina Supreme Court.
- Lead trial counsel for real estate developers in land use case in Virginia state court seeking to prevent construction. Case dismissed after evidentiary hearing.
- Lead trial counsel for plaintiffs in corporate governance dispute between members of a limited liability company. Defeated defendants' interlocutory appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court. Case currently pending.
- Counsel for defendant in action seeking \$380 million for alleged federal antitrust violations and numerous state law claims. Summary judgment entered in defendant's favor on all claims, a ruling affirmed by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Trial counsel for respondent in confidential ICC arbitration seeking \$140 million in damages for alleged breaches of contract, resulting in a judgment in favor of respondent on all claims.
- Counsel for defendant in \$150 million lawsuit alleging violations of federal and state antitrust laws, unfair competition and breach of contract. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania dismissed the case, a ruling affirmed by the Third Circuit.
- Lead trial counsel for defendant in nationwide consumer class action brought in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Obtained dismissal at outset of case.
- Trial counsel in a complex breach of contract and accounting fraud case in New York federal district

court. Obtained award of \$18 million plus attorney's fees after a three-week trial. The Second Circuit affirmed the award.

- Lead counsel for defendant in \$180 million lawsuit pending in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia alleging fraud, conspiracy and tortious interference in connection with a teaming agreement for a large government contract. Obtained dismissal at outset of case.
- Lead trial counsel for defendant in AAA arbitration, and two related Virginia state court litigations, concerning the sale of satellite equipment. Obtained a defense verdict at trial, an award of attorney's fees and damages for wrongful attachment.

Before joining Cooley, Bob was an associate in the Tysons Corner office of an AmLaw200 firm.

As a law student, he was a member of the University of Richmond Law Review and the McNeil Law Society.

Education

University of Richmond School of Law
JD, 1995

Old Dominion University
BA, 1991

Admissions & Credentials

Virginia

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

US District Court for the Western District of Virginia

US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Virginia Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit