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Areas of Focus

Business Litigation

Tariff Task Force

Investor and Securities

Litigation

Mergers and Acquisitions

Antitrust and Competition

Law



Overview

Jacob Wentzel is a litigator who assists businesses with a wide array of high-stakes commercial disputes. He has particular experience in securities, antitrust, intellectual property, energy, and Delaware law matters. Jacob represents clients in any phase of litigation, and as a former law clerk for the United States Court of Appeals and the United States District Court, he brings valuable insight to trial- and appellate-level litigation. Jacob has helped clients achieve favorable outcomes in a variety of ways, from dispositive motion practice to zealous pretrial advocacy, as described further below.

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Representative Matters

- *Hertzberg v. Boston Heart Diagnostics Corp.*, C.A. No. 2024-0748-KSJM (Del. Ch. 2024) (granting advancement of CEO's attorneys' fees under Delaware law)
- *Edelman v. King, et al.*, No. 388, 2023 (Del. S. Ct. June 4, 2024) (affirming Delaware Court of Chancery's dismissal of shareholder derivative claims against officers and directors relating to alleged insufficient disclosures in proxy)
- *Scharpf v. Gen. Dynamics Corp., et al.*, No. 1:23-CV001372 (AJT/WEF) (E.D. Va. Apr. 19, 2024) (dismissing antitrust claims alleging conspiracy to suppress wages in the naval shipbuilding industry with prejudice on motion to dismiss)
- Represented Distribution Solutions Group (DSG, formerly known as Lawson Products, Inc.) in six shareholder lawsuits filed across the US that sought to enjoin its acquisition of two companies. (Obtained dismissal of each of the cases, allowing the transactions to proceed).
- Represented multinational corporation in international arbitration defending against software and patent license claims. (Obtained favorable settlement prior to hearing on the merits.)
- Represented pharmaceutical company in defense of patent license claim involving launch of biosimilar. (Obtained favorable settlement allowing product to remain on the market.)
- Represented investment firms in pursuit of contract and tort claims involving interests in oil and gas wells. (Obtained favorable settlement prior to trial.)

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 2019

Education

- Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, JD, *summa cum laude*, 2019
- University of Chicago, MA, 2016
- Loyola University Chicago, BA, *summa cum laude*, 2011

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 2020
- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2022
- US Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2022
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2021
- US District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 2023
- US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2024
- US District Court, Southern District of West Virginia, 2022

Clerkships

- Hon. John Z. Lee, US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2020-2021
- Hon. Albert Diaz, US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 2019-2020