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John Verhey is a commercial litigator who has handled a broad array of cases in state and federal courts involving contracts, securities law, real estate, business torts and trademark infringement.

John has particular experience in litigating cases in the franchise distribution and trade regulation area. His franchise practice is nationwide in scope, and he regularly represents franchisors in federal and state courts throughout the country as well as before arbitration panels.

John has taken more than 40 franchise arbitration cases through hearing to an award. He has also argued a number of appeals involving franchise matters before state and federal appellate courts. John has extensive experience representing franchisors in actions involving breach of contract, encroachment, system standards enforcement, fraud, tortious interference with contract, unfair trade practices, trademark infringement, breach of fiduciary duty, disclosure violations and violations of Little FTC Acts, and state and federal antitrust laws. He also has extensive experience in the judicial enforcement of arbitration agreements and the enforcement and vacatur of arbitration awards.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Franchise

EXPERIENCE

SELECTED REPORTED FRANCHISE DECISIONS

- *Blimpie International, Inc. v. Butterworth*, 2005 WL 756218 (S.D. Ind. 2005)
- *AlphaGraphics, Inc. v. Shapiro*, 935 F. Supp. 1012 (N.D. Ill. 1996)
- *Smith v. Blockbuster Entertainment Corp.* 100 F.3d 878 (10th Cir. 1996)
- *Gingiss International, Inc. v. Bormet*, 58 F.3d 328 (7th Cir. 1995)
- *Bennett Enterprises, Inc. v. Domino's Pizza, Inc.*, 45 F.3d 493 (DC Cir. 1995)
- *Sheldon v. Munford, Inc.*, 950 F.2d 403 (7th Cir. 1991)
- *Hengel, Inc. v. Hot 'N Now, Inc.* , 825 F. Supp. 1311 (N.D. Ill. 1993)
- *Bonfield v. AAMCO Transmissions, Inc.*, 717 F. Supp. 589 (N.D. Ill. 1989)
- *Seymour v. Gloria Jean's Coffee Bean Franchising Corp.* , 732 F. Supp. 988 (D. Minn. 1990)

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois

Recognitions

John has been designated an Illinois Super Lawyer, as the result of research projects conducted jointly by *Law & Politics* and *Chicago* magazines. He was named a Best Lawyer for 2014 in *Chicago's Best Lawyers* magazine. He is also listed in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for franchise law and has been selected by his peers as an Illinois Leading Lawyer in the franchise and dealership law category.

Education

- B.A., Calvin College 1985
- J.D., Harvard Law School 1988
cum laude
Executive Editor, *Harvard Law Review*

INSIGHTS

Publications

Top franchise cases of 2016

30 MAR 2017

Joint employer and employee misclassification claims remained hot in franchising throughout 2016.

Top franchise decisions: two standouts from 2015

29 MAR 2016

What is a joint employer? Two significant cases.

Top franchise matters of 2014

24 MAR 2015

Summarizing three of the year's most significant matters

Top franchise cases of 2012

7 MAR 2013

Top franchise cases of 2011

30 Mar 2012

- Co-author, "Top Franchise Decisions: Two Standouts From 2015," Intellectual Property and Technology News, 2015
- Co-author, "Important Decisions in 2014," *The Licensing Journal* (May 2015)

Events

- Presenter, "The Top 11 Cases in 2011," DLA Piper Webinar (January 19, 2012)

NEWS

DLA Piper lawyers and practices were highlighted in the 2017 directory of Who's Who Legal

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DLA Piper is pleased to announce *Who's Who Legal* designated us as both the Real Estate Firm of the Year and the Franchise Firm of the Year for 2017.
