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John Hamill is a preeminent first chair trial lawyer and commercial litigator, having steered clients through complex matters in multiple subjects that run the course in business litigation. His practice ranges across the full spectrum of complex commercial litigation, and he has led teams in trial courts, arbitrations, and appellate courts nationwide. Subject matters have included antitrust and competition law, RICO, healthcare, insurance, telecommunications, sports and media, First Amendment, failed deals, pharmaceutical, energy, professional responsibility, and all types of business-to-business disputes. He regularly counsels clients in antitrust and unfair competition matters. He is deeply committed to pro bono work and has tried multiple civil rights cases for pro bono clients. His work has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *Legal 500*, and the *National Law Journal*.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Telecom

- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Healthcare

John J. Hamill has been lead counsel in a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters in numerous venues, including in areas such as antitrust, healthcare, insurance, sports, telecommunications, professional responsibility, energy, and numerous types of general business-to-business litigation, including class actions. These include cases tried to judgment, appealed, class actions, and many resolved favorably by settlement. Some sample engagements include:

EXAMPLES OF ENGAGEMENTS WHERE HE HAS LEAD LITIGATION TEAMS INCLUDE:

- Represented a leading health insurance company in dozens of significant disputes involving payment disputes, indemnity issues, and class claims
- Represented property and casualty insurer in federal antitrust action concerning bail bond rates
- Represented Major League Soccer team in bench trial dispute over stadium construction
- Represented gaming organization in dispute over state tax legislation in Pennsylvania Supreme Court

- Represented investor of gaming organization in First Amendment challenge to campaign contribution ban in Third Circuit
- Represented a leading health insurance organization in a federal antitrust action under the Sherman Act
- Representing a university in litigation concerning concussion injuries in sports
- Represented a professional sports team in an ownership controversy
- Represented pharmacy company in antitrust action related to alleged pay for delay scheme
- Represented a professional sports team in various business litigation matters
- Represented a prominent power utility in multiple class actions, appeals, and regulatory matters in state and federal courts and Supreme Court of Illinois
- Represented a major energy company in a significant tax dispute
- Represented a hospital system in an antitrust dispute
- Represented a long distance carrier in RICO litigation
- Represented a prominent power utility in unfair competition class actions
- Represented several leading health insurance companies in a complex arbitration with a transportation company

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois

Clerk Experience

- Adjunct clerk, the Honorable James Moran, US District Court, Northern District of Illinois 1994 – 1994

Recognitions

- *Chambers USA*, General Litigation (IL), 2021
- Plaintiff's Lawyer Trailblazer, *National Law Journal*, 2021
- *Legal 500*, Antitrust, 2019-2021
- Irish Legal 100
- Law Bulletin Publishing Company, one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch," 2007
- *Chambers Global*, Telecom, Broadcast Satellite, 2005-08, 2003-06
- Leading Lawyers Network, Commercial Litigation 2004-14, Federal Regulatory Law 2004-14, Telecommunications Law 2004-14
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Communications Law (2006 – 2021)
- AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School
cum laude
- B.A., University of Notre Dame
summa cum laude

Courts

- Supreme Court of Illinois
- Supreme Court of the United States

- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

Memberships

- American Bar Association – Antitrust Section
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association – Former Member, Board of Governors
- Chicago Inn of Court
- Abraham Lincoln Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

- "Ticketing lawsuits point to further turmoil," *SportsBusiness Journal*, 2017
- Editor, "RICO" chapter in the 2016 (Fourth) edition of *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts* by Thompson & Reuters
- "RICO: A Guide to Civil RICO Litigation in Federal Courts," Jenner & Block Practice series, 2014
- "Antitrust & PPACA," presented to the Chicago Bar Association Antitrust Committee, 2014
- "Health Care Antitrust Cases and Strategies for Lawyers," *Understanding Antitrust Issues in Healthcare (Inside the Minds)*: Aspatore 2010

Events

- Panelist, "Sports & Entertainment Law Panel with DLA Piper," Harvard Law School, April 10, 2018
- "Antitrust and PPACA," Chicago Bar Association Antitrust Committee, January 2014

NEWS

DLA Piper partners Joseph G. Finnerty III and John Hamill named to Irish Legal 100 2021

2 November 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that partners Joseph Finnerty and John Hamill have been named to the 2021 edition of the Irish Legal 100, an annual list established by the *Irish Voice* newspaper to recognize accomplished and distinguished lawyers of Irish descent in the US.

John Hamill named a 2021 Plaintiff's Lawyer Trailblazer by *National Law Journal*

11 May 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that John Hamill has been named a 2021 Plaintiff's Lawyer Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal*.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "Domino's Asks Justices To Keep No-Poach Suits In Arbitration," *Law 360*, December 22, 2020
- Mentioned, "6th Circ. Says Domino's Can Kick No-Poach Suit To Arbitration," *Law360*, June 17, 2020
- Mentioned, "Judge Urged To Ax Price-Fix Suit Against Bail Bond Entities," *Law360*, June 15, 2020
- Mentioned, "3rd Circ. Won't Revive Pa. Ban On Gaming Contributions," *Law360*, May 29, 2020
- Mentioned, "T-Mobile Urges Subpoena's End In Access Fee Suit ," *Law360*, August 30, 2019
- Mentioned, "Pa. Justices Say Casino Levy Violates Uniform Tax Rule," *Law360*, April 26, 2019
- Mentioned, "Telecom Gets Slowdown Counterclaims Cut In Access Fee Suit," *Law360*, May 23, 2018