

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Need strategic counsel? Trust the attorneys that corporations across the country rely on.

It doesn't matter if your company is large or small, public or private. Today, any corporation can face costly litigation that can threaten to drive down stock prices or even force it into bankruptcy. When everything is on the line, it's critical to have the most experienced lawyers on your team. The livelihoods of many people are at stake when a company is up against a bet-the-company lawsuit, from employees, officers to shareholders.

Lightfoot's commercial litigation practice is one of the firm's largest practice areas. Our lawyers defend major fraud, antitrust, lender liability, contract and corporate takeover litigation in federal and state courts throughout the country. We work hard to understand each client's business and their goals for the lawsuit.

Our decades of experience include:

- Construction litigation
- Contract disputes
- Deceptive trade practice claims
- Director and officer claims
- Emergency litigation and temporary restraining orders
- Franchise and distributorship litigation
- Fraud and fiduciary duty claims
- Healthcare litigation
- Intellectual property litigation
- Patent litigation
- Professional malpractice litigation
- RICO claims
- Securities litigation
- Shareholder derivative suits
- Sherman Act and Clayton Act claims
- Trade secret and noncompete claims
- Trust and trustee litigation

Our reputation precedes us. Because adversaries know —and respect — our courtroom capabilities, they're more willing to resolve cases on a reasonable basis. If appropriate resolution is not achievable, our clients can count on our unmatched jury trial experience and courtroom skills.

In addition to defending cases brought against our business clients, Lightfoot prosecutes cases on behalf of those clients against other businesses, often employing alternative fee arrangements to mitigate out-of-pocket costs.

Lightfoot's corporate recoveries cases have ranged from successfully representing a small business against one of the largest business consulting firms in the country to handling a matter on behalf of a publicly traded company

against a major software manufacturer. These cases have been pursued both in court and through arbitration. Learn more on our [Corporate Recoveries](#) page.

EXPERIENCE

- Representing a manufacturing company in a dispute with a software vendor. The case was tried and resulted in a multimillion-dollar verdict in favor of our client.
- Representing a manufacturer of commercial motors against a claim for business interruption losses.
- Representing a supplier of steel to a fabricator of gates that were sold to the Army Corps of Engineers for use on the Mississippi River.
- Representing an international accounting firm in a nationwide class action brought on behalf of a company's retirement plan participants. When the trial court granted class certification, an interlocutory appeal was taken; the appeals court reversed and rendered judgment for our client.
- Obtaining summary judgment for an international technology products manufacturer in a lawsuit filed by a former contractor seeking more than \$10 million in damages, which was then affirmed on appeal.
- Representing a real estate developer and an owner of improvement-district bonds with respect to numerous disputes with the original developer of the residential subdivision encompassing the district.
- Representing an international insurance and financial services organization in a class action alleging concealment of insurance coverage during a previous fairness hearing approving a class action settlement of securities litigation.
- Representing the owner of a hotel in Latvia in a dispute with the international company managing the hotel regarding the company's management of competing hotels.
- Representing a major power corporation in a dispute and resulting arbitration arising out of a joint venture for the construction and development of three gas-fired power plants in California during the state's energy crisis.
- Representing an international manufacturer of industrial-grade lubricants in a lawsuit brought by a former distributor, resulting in favorable resolution for the client.