

TRADE SECRETS & UNFAIR COMPETITION

In high-stakes business disputes, Lightfoot understands what's at stake.

Unfair competition and trade secrets cases strike at the heart of a company's business strategy and cannot be taken lightly. That's why companies trust Lightfoot to provide counsel to handle matters involving unfair competition, including the protection of trade secrets and the enforcement of noncompetition and nonsolicitation agreements. These fast-paced disputes often result in high-stakes evidentiary hearings where parties seek injunctions that can have long-lasting effects on a business. We have decades of experience prosecuting and defending these claims, and our lawyers offer a steady hand throughout these proceedings, both in and out of the courtroom.

Unfair competition can threaten any business, in any industry. Lightfoot has deep experience across a variety of sectors, including transportation, oil and gas, real estate, media, banking and defense industries. Whether prosecuting a claim for theft of trade secrets or advising a client on the drafting or interpretation of an employment agreement, our lawyers steadfastly protect our clients and their businesses. We understand what's on the line. Regardless of the industry or jurisdiction, our lawyers are always ready to step up to assert a client's rights.

EXPERIENCE

- Prosecuting claims for theft of computer code used in defense industry applications, resulting in the entry of numerous injunctions against former employees of our client.
- Prosecuting claims against the former executive of a transportation industry client, resulting in an injunction prohibiting the operation of a competing business.
- Representing a defense industry contractor accused of trade secret misappropriation, including the alleged transmission of trade secrets to an entity based overseas. We secured a voluntary dismissal of all claims.
- Prosecuting claims against a former officer of an oilfield services company, resulting in a seven-figure damage award being entered against the former officer.