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OVERVIEW

John W. Rotunno, a partner in K&L Gates' Chicago office, concentrates his practice in complex and multi-district litigation, including investment company litigation, securities litigation, shareholder derivative litigation, merger and acquisition litigation, fiduciary litigation, and consumers class actions. He has represented clients in internal investigations, valuation proceedings, including the valuation of a substantial interest in a founding NFL franchise, trade secret misappropriation cases, patent infringement litigation, trust litigation, partnership disputes and estate litigation. He also is experienced in distributorship and supply chain litigation and commercial tort and contract cases, as well as accountant's liability and RICO actions.

John has represented numerous publicly held corporations, investment companies, investment advisers, independent directors and trustees, major accounting firms, banks, savings and loans, corporate officers and directors and other individuals, including a former Attorney General of the United States, in the state and federal trial and appellate courts. He also served as coordinating counsel for a national consumer credit company in numerous lawsuits, many of which sought punitive damages for allegedly fraudulent practices.

John has practiced in the state and federal courts in Chicago and across the country, representing clients in actions pending in numerous jurisdictions including California, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, Texas, and Wisconsin. He has tried cases in both the state and federal courts, including the United States Tax Court. In addition to his service as an advocate, John has counseled clients on contract, distribution, and licensing issues, as well as on compliance issues and internal corporate policies and procedures.

John has served as a Global Co-Practice Area Leader for the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Area.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Consistently designated an Illinois Super Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

John has addressed professional organizations and participated in forums on a range of subjects, including federal securities litigation, developments in investment company litigation, the responsibilities of independent trustees and directors of investment companies, the attorney-client privilege, and accountant's liability. He has served as a panelist at investment management industry conferences, including the Investment Company Institute's 2012 Mutual Funds and Investment Management Conference, and as a guest lecturer at Northwestern University School of Law on developments in investment company litigation.

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Chicago Law School, 1976 (*co-recipient, Llewellyn Cup for appellate advocacy*)
- B.A., University of Illinois, 1973

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States Tax Court

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 23 July 2018, Third Circuit Affirms Judgment for Investment Adviser in Section 36(b) Action (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 March 2018, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Grants Summary Judgment in "Manager of Managers" Excessive Fee Case (*Alerts/Updates*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Securities and Transactional Litigation
- Capital Markets
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented auto parts manufacturer in consumer fraud act class action involving statements on its packaging and in marketing materials.
- Represented an international packaging company in the negotiation of settlement of dispute regarding asset purchase agreement and agreement governing development of new packaging products.
- Defended an auto parts manufacturer in litigation regarding long-term supply contracts disputes with other parts suppliers.