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OVERVIEW

John Gavin is an associate at the firm's Boston office. John focuses his practice on complex civil litigation in the areas of commercial disputes, intellectual property, and insurance coverage. He has litigated a broad range of business-related issues, including claims of trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, securities fraud, tax fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and unfair business practices.

John has experience with many different phases of commercial litigation, including requests for preliminary relief, discovery, dispositive motion practice, and final merits determinations. John has represented clients in state and federal courts, including courts in Massachusetts, New York, Texas, and Illinois. In addition, John has represented clients in mediations and international arbitrations. John also maintains an active pro bono practice and obtained asylum for a detained client in removal proceedings.

John has significant experience with matters involving trade secret misappropriation and breaches of contractual confidentiality clauses. Through these matters, John has assisted clients in obtaining injunctive relief to protect confidential information and trade secrets. John has also successfully represented clients in obtaining monetary and permanent injunctive relief for misappropriation of trade secrets and other related claims.

John also has significant experience with insurance recovery matters. Through these matters, John has helped policyholders successfully obtain insurance coverage for a wide range of losses under directors and officers (D&O) policies, errors and omissions (E&O)/professional liability policies, commercial general liability policies, and property policies. This work includes representing clients in litigation asserting claims against their insurers. John also assists clients in the claims process, seeking to resolve disputes with insurers through negotiation or mediation prior to litigation.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

As a summer associate for the firm, John assisted in drafting pleadings for the intellectual property, commercial disputes, and financial services groups, aided in drafting a client update on trade secret law trends, and collaborated on treatise updates. Most recently, John was a law practice teaching assistant at Boston College Law School, where he conducted workshops and held office hours to aid students in the development of research

and citation skills. John also served as a member of the Executive Board of the Boston College Law Review, managing the drafting and publication of student-written Case Comments as Executive Comments Editor.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recipient of PAIR Project's 2020 Pro Bono Detention Award

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston College Law School, 2019 (*magna cum laude*; *Order of the Coif*; *Executive Comments Editor, Boston College Law Review*)
- B.A., Elon University, 2016 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 15 June 2022, U.S. Supreme Court Narrows Scope of 28 U.S.C. § 1782 to Proceedings Before "Governmental or Intergovernmental Adjudicative Bodies"
- 25 May 2022 , U.S. Supreme Court Eliminates Prejudice Requirement for Waiver of Arbitration Agreements
- 23 May 2022, Arbitration World: U.S. Supreme Court to Address Prejudice Requirements For Waiver of Arbitration Agreements
- 29 April 2022, Arbitration World: U.S. Cases and International Arbitration — U.S. Supreme Court Set to Decide Section 1782 Circuit Split
- 24 March 2022, U.S. Supreme Court Hears Oral Argument on Circuit Split Over Scope of 28 U.S.C. § 1782 for Obtaining Discovery in International Arbitrations
- 11 March 2022, U.S. Supreme Court to Review Circuit Split Over Scope of 28 U.S.C. § 1782 for Obtaining Discovery in International Arbitrations
- 28 February 2022, U.S. Supreme Court to Address Prejudice Requirement for Waiver of Arbitration Agreements
- 19 March 2020, COVID-19: Coronavirus Concerns Prompt Two-Week Halt to All Construction in Boston

- 24 January 2020, Highest Massachusetts Court Upholds Consent-To-Settle Clauses, but Issues Warning to Insurers

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- *John Gavin*, Note, Finally Freed or Infinitely Detained? The Need for a Clear Standard of Finality for Reinstated Orders of Removal, 59 B.C. L. Rev. 2437 (2018)
- *John Gavin*, Comment, Praying for Clarity: *Lund*, *Bormuth*, and the Split Over Legislator-Led Prayer, 59 B.C. L. Rev. E. Supp. 104 (2018)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 29 January 2024, K&L Gates Leads Novozymes to Trade Secrets Trial Victory
- August 2020, K&L Gates Lawyers Provide Insights on Impact of COVID-19 Across Various Industries

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes