

Benchmark Litigation Names Bart Williams as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 5, 2022 – Leading international law firm Proskauer is delighted to announce that partner [Bart Williams](#) has been named as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America by *Benchmark Litigation* for the second consecutive year. The annual guide also named Bart as one of the Top 20 Trial Lawyers in California. *Benchmark Litigation's* lists recognize an elite group of lawyers who have been recognized by peers and clients as being at the top of trial law.

As one of the nation's most sought after trial lawyers and commercial litigators, Bart has represented Fortune 500 corporations across life sciences and a range of other industries. He has secured numerous landmark victories for clients throughout his career and is a go-to lawyer for cases involving product liability, antitrust, commercial contract disputes, and white-collar defense matters.

Benchmark Litigation also recognizes partners [Susan Gutierrez](#) and [Lee Popkin](#), co-heads of the Firm's Product Liability Group, as Future Stars.

As a commercial litigator and trial attorney, Susan has tried multiple high-profile cases to verdict in state and federal courts throughout the country. She represents many Fortune 500 companies in consumer products, pharmaceutical, media and entertainment and sports industries, including Johnson & Johnson, Gilead Sciences, National Football League and McDonald's.

Lee is a trial lawyer with a record of winning challenging, high-stakes cases in state and federal courts across the country. Lee's wide-ranging complex litigation practice includes clients in the consumer goods, luxury brand and pharmaceutical sectors.

In September, Proskauer's Litigation and Labor & Employment departments were recognized in [Benchmark Litigation 2023](#) and [Benchmark Labor & Employment 2022](#) respectively for a range of practices and jurisdictions. Earlier this year, partners Elise Bloom, Sandra Crawshaw-Sparks and Margaret Dale were named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "[Top 250 Women in Litigation](#)" annual list.

About Proskauer

We are 800+ lawyers serving clients from 12 offices located in the leading financial and business centers in the Americas, Europe and Asia. The world's leading organizations, companies and corporations choose us to be their representatives in their most critical situations. But more, they consider Proskauer a strategic partner to drive their business forward. We work with asset managers, major sports leagues, Fortune 500 companies, entertainment industry legends and other industry-redefining companies.

Proskauer has a full-service litigation practice with extensive trial experience in virtually every major forum across the globe. We take a collaborative approach to representing defendants and plaintiffs, multinationals, middle-market and small-cap businesses, financial institutions, partnerships and individuals, with one thing in mind – driving successful outcomes for our clients.

We win make-or-break cases, change laws and establish precedents. Our litigators cover the full spectrum of complex commercial litigation practice areas and handle the complete range of sophisticated litigation, trial, appellate and counseling, as well as government contractor issues and investigations.

Our prowess in the field consistently earns the highest accolades, receiving a top-tier rankings in *Chambers* and recognized as leaders by *The Legal 500* and *Benchmark Litigation*, among others.

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