

The Daily Journal Names Bart Williams to its 2024 ‘Top 100 Lawyers’ List

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LOS ANGELES, September 4, 2024 – Proskauer, a leading international law firm is pleased to share that partner Bart Williams has been named to *The Daily Journal’s* 2024 ‘Top 100 Lawyers’ list, which honors top leaders in the California legal community from a diverse array of practices and backgrounds. This is the tenth year Bart has been recognized on the list.

Bart serves as Chair of the Firm’s Litigation department and head of its Los Angeles office. As one of the nation’s most sought-after trial lawyers, he is a strategic, diligent and persuasive litigator with a wealth of experience across commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense and internal corporate investigations. He has served as lead counsel for numerous Fortune 500 corporations in their most challenging and high-profile matters, often being called upon months or even weeks before a trial to deliver a win.

A longtime member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Bart boasts an impressive track record of victories in both jury and bench trials nationwide. His legal prowess has established him as a trusted trial counsel and “go-to” lawyer in high-stakes, headline-making matters. Notably, he served as lead trial counsel for Netflix, acclaimed director and writer Ava DuVernay and award-winning writer Attica Locke in a defamation case brought in federal court in New York by former longtime head of the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office sex crimes unit. Bart’s leadership led to an extremely successful resolution for the clients when the plaintiff decided to settle the case on the eve of trial with no payment to her or her lawyers, and no confidentiality provision related to the settlement.

Additionally, Bart and his team were retained by Gilead Sciences, Inc. to be lead trial counsel just three months before the start of the \$3.6 billion HIV antitrust case and delivered a total defense verdict following a six-week trial. The verdict was the third ever in reverse-payment cases of this type, and the first ever to find for the defense on grounds of the absence of a payment and the absence of market power for the brand in the relevant market.

Recently, Bart has also been recognized on *Los Angeles Business Journal's* annual 'Leader of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys' list as well as *Savoy's* 2024 'Most Influential Lawyers' list. He was also named to *Forbes'* inaugural list of Top 200 Lawyers in America.

Read Bart's profile: [Daily Journal](#)

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