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Jonathan Watkins Joins Proskauer as Litigation Partner

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Litigation Expansion Supports Proskauer's Strategic Growth in Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C., January 16, 2026 – Proskauer is pleased to welcome Jonathan Watkins as a partner in the Litigation Department in Charlotte and New York. Jonathan is the first litigation partner in the Firm's newly opened Charlotte office, further strengthening Proskauer's presence in one of the nation's leading financial services markets.

Jonathan is a nationally recognized litigator who guides companies and financial institutions through challenging and high-stakes disputes. He regularly handles high-profile financial services, securities, antitrust, technology, sports, M&A, and corporate governance matters. He also brings significant experience arguing state and federal appeals, advising companies and boards on regulatory and fiduciary issues, and representing clients in government and internal investigations.

"We continue to invest in building a deep and versatile litigation bench. Jonathan has successfully managed complex matters, earned the trust of sophisticated clients and established a reputation as a dedicated, and collaborative lawyer. He's a strong fit for our platform and will elevate the way we serve clients across practices and geographies," said Litigation Department Chair, Bart Williams.

"We're building a strong foundation in Charlotte that reflects both local market dynamics and the Firm's broader client priorities," said Ron Lovelace, partner and head of Proskauer's Charlotte office. "Jonathan's experience complements our finance and corporate capabilities and strengthens the ways we can partner with clients."

“I’m excited to join Proskauer and become part of an exceptional litigation team known for its quality, collaboration, and commercial focus,” said Jonathan Watkins. “The Firm’s commitment to building an integrated Charlotte office and its focus on comprehensive solutions for sophisticated clients is a perfect fit for my practice. I look forward to working alongside my new colleagues to help clients navigate their most important disputes and challenges.”

In September, Proskauer opened its 12th office located in Charlotte with the addition of four partners to its market-leading Global Finance practice. Working seamlessly across practices and jurisdictions, the Charlotte team provides clients with forward-looking counsel rooted in strong local connections and extensive community engagement and investment.

About Proskauer

The world’s leading organizations and global players choose Proskauer to represent them when they need it the most. With 800+ lawyers in key financial centers around the world, we are highly regarded for our expertise combined with our pragmatic and commercial approach. Proskauer is the place to turn when a matter is complex, innovative and game-changing. We work seamlessly across practices, industries and jurisdictions with asset managers, private equity and venture capital firms, Fortune 500 and FTSE companies, major sports leagues, 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.

Recent successful representations include a landmark victory for Sanderson Farms in a $7 billion broiler chicken antitrust conspiracy case; a decisive victory for Gilead Sciences, Inc. in a $3.6 billion antitrust case; a victory for Shamrock Capital Advisors in a high-profile $1 billion lawsuit brought by the founders and other minority shareholders of FanDuel; and representing Monsanto in a case brought by multiple plaintiffs who claimed Roundup caused their non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

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