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A well-rounded complex commercial litigator, Bryan West handles matters emanating from Latin American business transactions and has litigated and arbitrated, in both English and Spanish, numerous multi-million dollar disputes involving Argentina, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Honduras, Ecuador, and Venezuela. His matters often require the application of complex federal laws, including the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

Further deepening Bryan's practice is his trusted knowledge of business disputes, torts, contracts, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, the federal securities laws, fraud, and the federal Fair Housing Act. Additionally, he has experience with banking, insurance, healthcare, commercial foreclosure defense, receiverships, officer/director liabilities, and federal and state environmental laws dealing with hydrocarbons.

Bryan has extensive experience as defense counsel in large class actions, which span a wide range of subject matters, including the federal securities laws, products liability, insurance, data privacy, and the Fair Housing Act.

Notable Work

Insurance Class Action: Represented insurance company with respect to class certification motion and hearing involving putative Florida state-wide class action regarding homeowners insurance. *Doremus v. Universal Property & Casualty Insurance Company*, 2020 WL 1822231 (Fla. Cir. Ct. 17th Jud. Cir. (Complex Division) Mar. 31, 2020)

Putative Securities Class Action: Represented a publicly-traded company and its officers on a motion to dismiss in a putative class action involving claims under federal securities laws. *Grobler v. Neovasc Inc.*, 2016 WL 6897760 (D. Mass. Nov. 22, 2016)

Florida's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act: Represented a defendant attorney on a motion to dismiss in a case

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Commercial Disputes
Class Action Defense
Consumer Protection Litigation
International Litigation and Arbitration
Latin America and the Caribbean
Securities Litigation
Financial Services
International
Professional Liability

Education

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1992
A.B., Princeton University, 1989

Admissions

Bars

Florida
New York

Courts

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

Languages

Spanish

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involving the Florida version of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and other state law claims. *Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida v. Cypress*, 975 F. Supp. 2d 1298 (S.D. Fla. 2013), aff'd, 814 F.3d 1202 (11th Cir. 2015)

Securities Fraud Class Action: Represented a defendant corporate officer on a motion to dismiss in a case involving a putative federal securities fraud class action. *Philadelphia Financial Management of San Francisco, LLC v. DJSP Enterprises*, 2011 WL 4591541 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 30, 2011)

Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act: Represented an appellee Dominican banking commission involving an appeal on \$177 million judgment under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. *Liquidation Commission of Banco Intercontinental, S.A. v. Alvarez Renta*, 530 F.3d 1339 (11th Cir. 2008)

Insurance Class Action: Represented an insurer on a motion to dismiss in a class action involving the Florida personal injury protection (PIP) statute. *John S. Virga, D.C., P.A. v. Progressive American Insurance Company*, 2016 WL 3866364 (S.D. Fla. June 28, 2016)

Corporate Merger: Represented an acquiring corporation on a motion to dismiss in a lawsuit challenging a planned corporate merger. *Petit-Frere v. Office Depot, Inc.*, 2015 WL 9689974 (Fla. Cir. Ct. 15th Cir. May 19, 2015)

Florida's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act: Represented a defendant attorney in pursuit of a Rule 11 sanctions motion in a dismissed case involving the Florida version of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and other state law claims. *Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida v. Cypress*, 2015 WL 235433 (S.D. Fla. Jan. 16, 2015)

Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act: Represented a group of defendants on a motion to dismiss in a case involving the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and state law claims. *Talisman Capital v. Mouttet*, 493 B.R. 640 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2013)

Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act: Represented a defendant bank on a motion to dismiss in a case involving the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and federal securities laws. *Adams v. Rothstein*, 2012 WL 1605098 (S.D. Fla. May 8, 2012)

Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act: Represented defendants on a motion to dismiss in a case involving the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. *Figueroa v. MERSCORP, Inc.*, 766 F. Supp. 2d 1325 (S.D. Fla. 2011)

Bankruptcy: Represented a defendant bank in the withdrawal of a bankruptcy reference. *Stettin v. Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust Company*, 468 B.R. 429 (S.D. Fla. 2011)

Constitutional Rights: Represented a corporate executive in a case involving the violation of constitutional rights. *Masvidal v. U.S. Department of Justice*, 716 F. Supp. 2d 1207 (S.D. Fla. 2010)

Personal Jurisdiction: Represented an appellee on appeal of the dismissal of a lawsuit based on lack of personal jurisdiction. *Harbaugh v. Greslin*, 218 Fed. App'x 950 (11th Cir. 2007)

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Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Across the United States Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2022 Guide
August 19, 2021

Terrorism Risk Insurance Act: Represented a judgment creditor in summary judgment proceedings regarding the execution of judgment under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act against assets of the Cuban government. *Weininger v. Castro*, 462 F. Supp. 2d 457 (S.D.N.Y. 2006)

Federalizing Judgment: Represented a judgment creditor in a proceeding regarding a federalizing state court judgment against a foreign government. *McCarthy v. Republic of Cuba*, 354 F. Supp. 2d 1347 (S.D. Fla. 2005)

Civil Rights Claims: Represented an appellee hospital in an appeal involving summary judgment on a civil rights claims. *Connor v. Halifax Hospital Medical Center*, 2002 WL 32290997 (11th Cir. June 26, 2002)

Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act: Represented a defendant hospital and related entities on a motion to dismiss involving federal civil rights and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act claims. *Connor v. Halifax Hospital Medical Center*, 135 F. Supp. 2d 1198 (M.D. Fla. 2001)

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2016-2022, 2024-2025, Listed in Florida for Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Securities, International Arbitration - Commercial, and Corporate Law
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2025, Listed in Florida as a “Litigation Star” for Commercial
- *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers, 2009-2020, Listed for Corporate and Business Litigation, International Arbitration
- *Daily Business Review*, 2014, Finalist as “Most Effective Lawyer” in the Area of Class Actions
- *Daily Business Review*, 2008, Finalist as “Most Effective Lawyer” in the area of Appellate Law
- *Latin Lawyer Magazine’s Deal of the Year* Annual Awards Issue, Recognized as Counsel in Case Named “Runner-Up” in the Category of “Deal of the Year 2008: Disputes,” February 2009
- *Daily Business Review*, 2005, 2007, Recognized as “Most Effective Lawyer” in International Law
- *National Law Journal*, 2005, “Top 100 Verdicts”