

## People

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Samuel Mann represents financial institutions, corporations, hedge funds, and corporate executives in a wide range of complex litigation and regulatory matters. He has significant experience in federal and state court litigation and arbitration across securities, antitrust, complex commercial, employment, insurance, and non-debtor bankruptcy matters, as well as internal and regulatory investigations, and enforcement actions. Samuel has represented clients before regulatory bodies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the European Securities and Markets Authority.

Samuel also advises corporate clients on litigation and regulatory risks, internal investigations, and anti-corruption due diligence related to corporate transactions. He brings a results-oriented approach that is grounded in understanding both the legal and business needs of clients.

Samuel maintains a commitment to pro bono service, having worked on matters involving veterans' benefits, domestic violence, and housing. Before joining Akerman, he spent more than twelve years working at national law firms in both New York and Charlotte.

#### Notable Work

**Commercial Litigation:** Prevailed at summary judgment in federal court action on behalf of a Fortune 500 corporation arising out of a contractual dispute with a distributor.

**Securities Class Action:** Resolved a federal securities class action against an investment bank for a fraction of the claimed damages after submission of a motion for summary judgment.

**Commercial Litigation:** Defeated a motion for preliminary injunction in federal court alleging violation of consumer protection statutes.

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#### Areas of Experience

##### Litigation

Antitrust and Trade Regulation

Commercial Disputes

Financial Institutions Commercial Litigation

Securities Litigation

White Collar Crime and Government Investigations

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#### Education

J.D., William & Mary Law School, 2013, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, *William and Mary Law Review*, Lead Notes Editor

B.A., Washington & Jefferson College, 2007, summa cum laude

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#### Admissions

##### Bars

North Carolina

New York

##### Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina

**Commercial Litigation:** Represented a consumer package goods company in numerous contractual and state law disputes terminating in favorable settlements.

**Antitrust Defense:** Defended a top 10 broker-dealer against antitrust claims related to the trading of bonds in multiple sectors of the fixed-income market.

**Regulatory Investigation:** Represented financial institution in an investigation launched by the European Securities and Market Authority concerning credit ratings.

**Internal Investigation:** Conducted internal investigation for a public company concerning allegations of accounting fraud.

**Bankruptcy Litigation:** Terminated a federal court bankruptcy adversary proceeding on behalf of an investment bank through the successful withdrawal of a reference.

**M&A Risk Assessment:** Advised a Delaware corporation on potential litigation risks arising out of an unsolicited merger offer.

**Litigation Reserve Counsel:** Counseled a financial institution on potential exposure in connection with setting litigation reserves arising out of potential claims asserting breach of RMBS trust agreements.

## Affiliations

- Mecklenburg County Bar Association, Member
- Housing Eviction Clinic, Volunteer

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in North Carolina as “One to Watch” for Commercial Litigation and Bankruptcy Litigation