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An accomplished trial lawyer, William Mahoney has brought a pragmatic, value-driven and results-oriented approach to complex business litigation for more than 25 years. Bill represents corporations of all sizes in a broad spectrum of commercial litigation matters, including those related to employment discrimination and sexual harassment, unfair competition and restrictive covenants, theft of trade secrets, class actions, copyright infringement and intellectual property, and professional liability.

Bill has provided management-side counsel in connection with union campaigns and elections, negotiations of collective bargaining agreements, and defending against unfair labor practices charges before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Bill has developed a robust practice in counseling businesses in employee departure litigation, regularly seeking or defending against injunctions in both state and federal court.

Bill also represents financial institutions such as brokerage firms, investment advisers and banks in all manner of disputes, including securities litigation and arbitration, regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings.

Featured Representative Matters

- Represented a futures commission merchant in a state court action by traders seeking over \$1 billion in damages relating to trades on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.
- Advised one of the United States' largest veal and lamb processing companies in back-to-back union organizing campaigns, both of which resulted in the company winning the union election. Successfully represented the same company when the union subsequently filed numerous unfair labor practices charges against the company, including the alleged wrongful termination of a pro-union employee; following a two-week hearing before the NLRB, all but the most trivial charges were dismissed, the employee termination was upheld, and the election results were confirmed.
- Represented a brokerage firm in a \$25 million auction-rate securities case in federal court, securing a favorable settlement shortly after the jury trial began.
- Represented a leading global biotech company in an injunction action against a former high-level employee and the competing firm he joined after it was discovered that the employee had downloaded thousands of the company's computer files. Successfully obtained an injunction against the former employee and the competitor

Services

- Securities & Regulatory Enforcement
- Employment
- Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation
- Litigation
- Broker-Dealer
- Financial Services Litigation & Enforcement
- Trial Practice
- Investment Management Litigation
- Government Enforcement, Investigations & Litigation

Education

- Temple University Beasley School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
- University of Rochester (M.A.)
- La Salle University (B.A., *magna cum laude*)

Admissions

and subsequently negotiated a resolution under which the competitor terminated its employment relationship with the employee.

- Obtained a multimillion-dollar award on behalf of a broker-dealer client against a competing firm for unfair competition.
- Secured dismissal of a financial advisory firm's lawsuit against a distressed debt investment firm, in which the plaintiff asserted claims of tortious interference with contract and unfair competition and sought a seven-figure fee.
- Secured a jury verdict in favor of a national entertainment franchise in a premises liability matter, following a week-long trial in federal court.
- Defended multiple age and religious discrimination claims by former employees against a brokerage firm both in federal court and arbitration, obtaining an award of attorney fees against the employee in one matter and securing a settlement in which another employee paid a significant amount to the client.
- Represented a national bank in a class action arising out of a municipal debt issuance.
- Defended a regional broker-dealer against claims brought by a former broker for fraudulent inducement and related torts.
- Represented a national computer retailer in a contractual dispute with an internet service provider that was seeking millions of dollars in damages.

- Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Community Impact

When not practicing law, Bill devotes his time to charitable organizations, having served formerly as the president of the board of directors for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania. He was previously president of the board of managers for the Abington YMCA and was named its Volunteer of the Year in 2014. He received the award as a "Y Champion for Social Responsibility" based on his leadership of the Abington YMCA annual giving campaign, among other contributions.

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Board of Managers, Abington YMCA
- Member, Stradley Ronon Inclusion Committee

Experience

Stradley Ronon Client Major Part of I-95 Bridge Rebuild

Congratulations to our client Aero Aggregates, for going above and beyond to help rapidly repair the Interstate 95 bridge over Cottman Avenue in Philadelphia – after an oil-tanker fire caused four lanes to collapse. While repairs were expected to take months, crews worked around the clock to reopen I-95 in just two weeks. Aero Aggregates turns recycled glass into a lightweight, gravel-like material that is used as a fill for special construction projects. The construction team used 8,000 cubic yards of the material to build a temporary roadway while a replacement bridge is currently being constructed. Congratulations to everyone at Aero Aggregates for helping complete this massive and urgent task so quickly!

Leading Auto Dealer Secures Complete Dismissal

Stradley attorneys secured the complete dismissal of all claims against two Kennedy Auto Group dealerships in an asbestos lawsuit in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. The plaintiff in this case sued several dozen defendants, including the dealerships, for alleged exposure to asbestos-containing automotive products. Of the defendants who moved for summary judgment, Kennedy Auto Group was the only one to secure a complete dismissal.