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Ronnie represents clients in complex business disputes and litigation. He guides clients through every phase of the litigation process, from early case management and discovery through motion practice, trial, arbitration, and appeal. Ronnie provides practical, strategic counsel that helps clients manage risk and achieve their business objectives.

Ronnie's experience spans private practice, in-house counsel, and government-related matters. He has represented businesses, government entities, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, and individuals in litigation involving commercial disputes, employment matters, civil rights claims, franchise litigation, class actions, consumer protection claims, regulatory compliance issues, and appeals. He has in-house experience advising business leaders on regulatory compliance, commercial agreements, government investigations, and legislative and regulatory matters affecting company operations. Before rejoining the firm, Ronnie practiced in its Litigation Department.

Ronnie earned a B.A. in Political Science from Rhodes College and a J.D. from Florida Coastal School of Law. While in law school, he served on the Moot Court Honor Board and distinguished himself in advocacy and legal writing competitions.

Education

- Rhodes College (B.A., 2010)
- Florida Coastal School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2014)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

Professional Affiliations

- Mound City Bar Association (*Vice President, 2019; Member, 2014-present*)
- Federal Bar Association, St. Louis Chapter (*Executive Committee Member; Treasurer (2015-2020)*)

Practices & Industries

- Complex Business Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Franchising & Distribution Industry
- Energy Industry

Community Involvement

- Commercial Bank (*Advisory Board Member, 2014-present*)
- John Burroughs School Alumni Board (*Member, 2018-2020*)

Awards & Honors

- St. Louis Top Lawyers: Ones to Watch, *St. Louis Magazine* (2021)
- Best Oral Advocate, Second Place, Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition (2014)
- Best Brief Award, NBLSA Moot Court Regional Competition (2012-2013)
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award® for Advanced Trial Advocacy (2014); White Collar Crime (2014)
- Dean's Scholar Merit Based Scholarship (2011-2014)

Experience

- Successfully defended a municipality in an administrative proceeding and subsequent appeal, obtaining favorable outcomes at both stages.
- Represented clients in domestic and international arbitration proceedings involving complex commercial and contractual disputes.
- Represented an international corporation in multi-jurisdictional litigation involving a failed software development project and highly confidential intellectual property.
- Represented a major oil refiner in litigation involving franchise agreements under the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act and California law.
- Defended companies in class action litigation brought under federal and state consumer protection laws.
- Represented franchisees in trademark infringement litigation and franchise-related disputes.
- Advised Fortune 500 company on regulatory compliance, commercial agreements, government investigations, and legislative matters affecting business operations.
- Obtained a jury verdict as a member of a court-appointed trial team defending civil rights claims in federal court.

Publications & Presentations

PUBLICATIONS

- "Court of Chancery Finds Company Liable for Breach of Contract for Failing to Employ 'Diligent Efforts,'" *Business Law Today Month* in Brief (2017)
- "Sports & Law: A Game of Rules - Implications for Legal Ethics," *St. Louis Lawyer* (2017)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Sports & Law: A Game of Rules - Implications for Legal Ethics," Bench & Bar Conference, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Lake Ozark, Missouri (2017)