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William “Bill” Fischer focuses his practice on business and corporate litigation and alternative dispute resolution, and particularly the preparation of legal submissions in complex litigation and appellate proceedings. Bill’s recent practice has included securities arbitration, litigation involving Wisconsin sales and use tax, insurance bad faith, intellectual property infringement and unfair competition, and Wisconsin Fair Dealership issues.



Bill has been active in a variety of complex national and transnational litigation, arbitration proceedings and settlement negotiations, including:

- An integral role in a litigation team that established the existence of a contract based upon a body of oral and unsigned material resulting in a \$3.7 million jury verdict in 2005 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. The third largest verdict issued that year according to the Wisconsin Law Journal.
- Part of a KMKSC team that made ground-breaking new law enlarging protection afforded to business insureds from their insurers relating to ethical conduct owed to the insured.
- Involvement in several multimillion dollar recoveries in business litigation.
- Active participation in successful complex multinational action involving ITC administrative litigation and international commercial arbitration under the auspices of the ICC, relating to unfair competition.
- Successful representation of investors claiming damages in securities violations by a major financial institution in a NASD arbitration.
- Participation in continuing major class action alleging price manipulation in the natural gas industry.
- Representation of multiple defendants in a significant civil RICO action.
- Secured bright-line ruling on a technical issue of first impression from the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. The confirmation that, under Wisconsin law, the order in recorded instruments are numbered is conclusive carries significant importance to holders of Wisconsin mortgages and liens.

Practice Areas:

- Administrative Law
- Antitrust and Trade Regulation
- Business Law
- Corporate Law
- Insurance
- Legal Malpractice
- Litigation
- Professional Liability
- RICO
- Securities



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Other Legal Experience

- Law Clerk: Kohner Mann & Kailas, S.C., November 2001—May 2003
- Student Intern: Hon. Elsa C. Lamelas, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Fall 2001

Professional /Honors/Awards:

- Named a Super Lawyers “Rising Star” for Wisconsin, 2006 to date
- Golden Quill Award, 2003. Awarded to the author of the best note or comment published in the Marquette Law Review, as determined by vote of the members.

Bar Admissions:

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court Western District of Wisconsin
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Education:

- Marquette University Law School, J.D., *cum laude* (2003)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., 1996

Representative Published Works:

- *Developments in Business and Securities law* chapter of the ANNUAL SURVEY OF WISCONSIN LAW, Pinnacle Books, State Bar of Wisconsin, co-author 2009 to date
- *How Much is Too Much? The State of Affairs of Punitive Damages in Wisconsin*, Wisconsin Lawyer. (Feb. 2004).
- *Deadbeat Dads as Champions of Federalism? Lopez’s Dramatic (Unintended?) Effect on Commerce Clause Jurisprudence, as Illustrated by the Child Support Recovery Act*, 86 MARQUETTE LAW REV. 107 (2002).

Leadership Positions:

- Managing Editor, Marquette Law Review (2002-2003)

Professional Associations/Admissions

- Wisconsin Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association.

