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Ross is a litigator who represents clients in commercial and business disputes.

His cases often involve contractual disputes, allegations of various forms of fraud, or claims of breach of fiduciary duty, including in shareholder disputes. Ross represents both individuals and businesses large and small, including closely-held LLCs and Fortune 500 companies.

Ross litigates in state and federal courts, both at the trial and appellate levels. He also represents clients in alternative dispute resolution forums, such as in arbitration and mediation. Ross's practice also includes representing clients in connection with government and internal investigations, including inquiries by state and federal regulators. In addition, he has advised clients on potential litigation exposure in connection with proposed corporate transactions.

Before joining Dinsmore, Ross practiced law in New York City with a major international law firm. Earlier in his career, Ross was a law clerk for a federal district judge in the Southern District of New York. Before law school, Ross worked in government relations in Washington, D.C.

Ross's recent experience includes the following:

- Won motion to dismiss a putative shareholder class action in Ohio state court, on behalf of members of the board of directors of a financial institution. Prevailed in expedited proceedings, defeating plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction of a merger agreement, and obtaining the dismissal of the lawsuit in its entirety.
- Won judgment on the pleadings in Kentucky state court, in favor of a financial institution and the members of its board of directors, in defending against a putative shareholder class action that challenged a merger agreement with another financial institution. Also represented the financial institution on the plaintiff's appeal, which ended with plaintiff's voluntary dismissal after briefing.
- Won motion to dismiss a consolidated federal securities class action complaint, in federal court in Delaware, on behalf of the defendant technology startup company and its officers and directors, which

were sued by shareholders who asserted claims under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933.

- Prevailed at trial on behalf of a commercial real estate investor, in a dispute with the co-owner of an investment entity.
- Defending a financial institution in federal multidistrict litigation and related state enforcement litigation concerning certain lending practices.
- Representation of a financial institution in action to enforce a non-solicitation agreement against a former senior employee, in both federal court and related FINRA arbitration proceedings, resulting in a stipulated injunction in favor of the client.
- Representations of investment advisor firms in connection with claims by clients that their investments were mishandled.
- Representation of a professional sports team in defending against personal injury claims, resulting in plaintiffs' voluntary dismissal of claims against the client at the outset of the case.
- Representation of an automobile component assembler in litigation against one of the world's largest automakers concerning contractual disputes and other related claims.
- Representation of a payment processing company in defending against lawsuits brought by merchants.
- Representation of a financial institution in a dispute with a private equity firm that purchased one of the client's lines of business.
- Representation of selling shareholders of an industrial medical equipment manufacturer in a dispute with the acquirer regarding the merger agreement.
- Representation of a beverage company in a dispute with a canning vendor.
- Representations of co-owners of real estate investment companies in disputes with other co-owners.
- Representation of a financial institution in connection with response to shareholder demands.
- Representation of a custom builder of commercial vehicles in a contractual dispute with a buyer.
- Representation of a public school district in litigation with a contractor.

Services

- Litigation

Education

- Cornell Law School (J.D., *cum laude*)
 - Articles Editor, Cornell Law Review
 - Author, "A Third Way: The Presidential Nonsigning Statement," 96 Cornell L. Rev. 1503 (2011).
- University of Notre Dame (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Ohio

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio