

Andrew LeGrand

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Andrew LeGrand is a first-chair trial lawyer who delivers results in high-stakes commercial cases, class actions, and employment disputes. He has successfully represented corporate clients—both inside and outside of the courtroom—in matters across various disciplines where the risks are significant and the legal and factual terrain is complex.

Representative Matters:

- Trial counsel for the minority owner and former CEO of a well-known pizza brand in a dispute with the majority owner over self-dealing and withheld distributions. After an eight-day trial, a Dallas County jury returned a resounding verdict for Gibson Dunn's client, awarding \$46 million in damages and rejecting each and every counterclaim asserted by the other side.
- Trial counsel in an age-discrimination case brought in the District of New Jersey by a former sales director against a health care products company. After the week-long trial, the jurors deliberated for less than an hour and returned a unanimous verdict for Gibson Dunn's client.
- Trial counsel in a receivership dispute in California state court. After a three-day bench trial, the court awarded Gibson Dunn's client a substantial portion of the relief requested.
- Trial counsel for a global media company in Fair Labor Standards Act litigation. Andrew was lead trial counsel in one of the first in-person federal jury trials during the COVID pandemic. At the conclusion of the five-day trial, the jury returned a complete verdict for Gibson Dunn's client in a matter of minutes.
- Trial counsel for a title insurance and property valuations company involved in trade-secret and attorneys' fees litigation. After Gibson Dunn was retained, Andrew successfully defended the company at trial against a claim for \$80 million in attorney's fees.
- Counsel for a global media company in multiple lawsuits alleging False Claims Act violations in connection with the Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries.
- Counsel for a global media company in litigation involving claims of fraudulent overbilling. Andrew persuaded the plaintiff to voluntarily dismiss its claims, without payment from Gibson Dunn's client.
- Counsel for a highway safety products company in three class actions. Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed the cases, without payment from Gibson Dunn's client, after Andrew deposed the class representatives.
- Counsel for a major healthcare organization that defeated class certification in antitrust class actions brought by employees who alleged an information-sharing conspiracy depressed their wages.



Capabilities

Litigation
Anti-Corruption & FCPA
Class Actions
Labor and Employment
Product Liability
Real Estate Disputes
Trials

Credentials

Education

Columbia University - 2015 Doctor of Education
Columbia University - 2009 Juris Doctor
Columbia University - 2006 Master of Education
University of Oklahoma - 2004 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Texas Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, Hon. Ann Claire Williams, 2011 - 2012
USDC, Northern District of Texas, Hon. A. Joe Fish, 2010 - 2011

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- Counsel for a Class I Railroad that defeated class certification in a multibillion-dollar class action brought by rail freight consumers alleging a conspiracy to impose rate-based fuel surcharges.
- Counsel for a technology company that struck class allegations on the pleadings in a consumer-fraud class action filed in Illinois, asserting claims under the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act and for unjust enrichment.

Pro Bono and Public Service:

Andrew proudly maintains an active pro bono docket. He received the firm's 2016 Frank Wheat Individual Pro Bono Award for his efforts, and he detailed his commitment to pro bono during a podcast hosted by the Pro Bono Institute. Andrew also serves on the boards of multiple nonprofits and coaches youth baseball.

- Arguing an appeal related to the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act, convincing the Third Court of Appeals in Texas to reverse and remand for further proceedings.
- Arguing an appeal of the denial of habeas relief to a Wisconsin state prisoner denied his Sixth Amendment right to represent himself at trial, convincing the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to grant habeas relief.
- Arguing a direct criminal appeal, convincing the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse a conviction for structuring transactions, and persuading the U.S. Attorney's Office on remand to drop all charges.
- Arguing a prisoner's rights appeal in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, convincing the court to reinstate the plaintiff's pro se complaint and to instruct the district court to recruit pro bono counsel on remand.
- Filing multiple amicus briefs in the Supreme Court of the United States and in federal Courts of Appeal.

Recognition:

Andrew's recent accolades include being ranked by *Chambers USA* for Litigation: General Commercial. He was also named a "Future Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for his work in Commercial Litigation and Appellate practices, one of the "Best Lawyers in Dallas" by *D Magazine*, one of 500 Leading Litigators in America by *Lawdragon*, a "Minority Business Leader" and member of the "40 Under 40" list by the *Dallas Business Journal*, and a "Lawyer on the Rise" by *Texas Lawyer*.

Education:

Andrew earned his law degree from Columbia Law School, where he was an editor of the *Columbia Law Review* and a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar. He was elected by his peers to serve as the graduation speaker for the J.D. Class of 2009. He also holds a master's degree and a doctoral degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

As an undergraduate, Andrew obtained dual baccalaureate degrees in English and African American Studies from the University of Oklahoma. He graduated *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and he was awarded the Letzeiser Award, which is given annually to three outstanding graduates.