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Overview

Justan Bounds is a shareholder in the business litigation group. He represents public and private companies, their officers, directors, and employees, and individual clients in a wide range of complex commercial disputes, including representing entertainers and *Fortune* 500 media clients in all manners of dispute resolution from constitutional to contractual to employment disputes, representing companies, officers, and directors in federal securities actions (both SEC enforcement and class actions), representing software companies in trademark, copyright, and licensing disputes, and representing creditors in sophisticated post-judgment collection actions to pierce the corporate veil and avoid fraudulent conveyances.

Prior to practicing law, Justan taught history and government and coached baseball in Fulton County.

Experience

- Defended Atlanta-based entertainer in defamation and tortious interference claim alleging \$20 million in damages related to production of television show.
- Defended independent directors of an investment company in securities class action that alleged more than \$140 million in damages related to the company's public disclosures.

- Presented multimillion-dollar breach of contract claim against business software customer. Matter settled while motion for summary judgment was pending.
- Litigated breach of contract claims of management company client against facility owner. Handled each stage of litigation, from arbitration to eventual appeal in the Supreme Court of Georgia.
- Defended client against a \$500,000 claim for alleged violations of the Georgia Fair Business Practices Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Secured dismissal with prejudice in client's favor.
- Pursued various post-judgment strategies (including post-judgment discovery, garnishment proceedings, and an action to pierce the corporate veil and set aside fraudulent transfers) on a nearly \$2 million judgment against an allegedly defunct corporate debtor.
- Represented a client unable to collect a substantial sum of money owed it. Brought action to pierce the corporate veil and set aside fraudulent transfers. Defeated defendants' key summary judgment motion and, through discovery, garnishment, and motions practice, paved the way for a mid-seven-figure settlement.

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Litigation and Trials
- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Intellectual Property
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Litigation
- Representations and Warranty Insurance
- Banking, Commercial, and Consumer Finance
- Securities Litigation and Enforcement
- Insurance
- Technology
- Telecommunications

Industries

- Banking, Commercial, and Consumer Finance
- Insurance
- Securities & Investment Companies
- Technology
- Telecommunications

Insights

02.23.2015

Georgia Trial Court Limits the Protection of Georgia's Anti-SLAPP Statute

03.31.2012

Issues of Special Importance to Mental Health Professionals

07.31.2011

Before You Hit 'Send'. The Responsibility to Act Professionally

News

08.30.2022

Carlton Fields Post-Judgment Enforcement Team Obtains \$1.5M Settlement in Complex Asset Protection Scheme

02.12.2019

10 Carlton Fields Attorneys Elected to Shareholder

02.07.2019

Georgia Super Lawyers Honors Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2019 Lists

10.15.2018

Carlton Fields Litigators Featured in Media for Defeating \$17.5M Claim

02.08.2018

Care Center, Physician Found Not Liable in Death of Man Left With Denture Stuck in Throat

02.01.2018

Jury Sides With Carlton Fields' Client Kindred Healthcare in \$13M Medical Malpractice Case

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation (2023-2024)
- Georgia Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2019-2020)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association

Credentials

Education

- University of Georgia School of Law (J.D., cum laude)
- Georgia State University (M.S.)
- University of Georgia (B.A.)

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- Georgia Supreme Court

Bar Admissions

- Georgia