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Mike O'Mara is a recognized trial lawyer who focuses his practice on complex and contentious commercial disputes. He chairs Stradley Ronon's 65-attorney litigation department and also serves on the firm's board of directors.

Mike's experience covers a broad spectrum of commercial litigation, including financial services cases, merger and acquisition disputes, intellectual property litigation, class actions, ERISA claims, trust and estate disputes, and insurance and commercial real estate matters. He frequently represents professional services firms – including Am Law 100 and 200 firms – in professional liability cases. Mike also counsels a number of nonprofit organizations, including religious, educational and health care organizations, on a wide variety of litigation-related matters.

He routinely tries cases in federal and state courts, as well as before private arbitrators. He was selected to join the Litigation Counsel of America, a prestigious invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society open to just one-half of one percent of U.S. lawyers. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Villanova School of Law, where he teaches a class on trial advocacy.

RESULTS

- defeated a petition for injunctive relief following four-day evidentiary hearing in which neighboring commercial property owners sought to halt a \$350 million construction project
- tried a \$26 million commercial real estate dispute, securing a dismissal of all claims against a real estate developer by way of a motion for nonsuit following a four-day trial and testimony from six witnesses
- secured a seven-figure settlement in an actuarial malpractice case on behalf of a local, preeminent preparatory school
- tried an \$80 million dispute between a marine terminal operator and its landlord port authority before a panel of three arbitrators, securing a unanimous award in his client's favor
- tried a \$40 million condemnation case on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, securing a favorable settlement several days into a jury trial

FOCUS

Litigation
Complex Commercial & Class
Action Litigation
Real Estate Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey
New York

COURTS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Third Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District
of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Middle District
of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the District of
New Jersey

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Pennsylvania State
University Dickinson School of Law
B.S., *magna cum laude*, James
Madison University

MEMBERSHIPS

Adjunct Faculty, Villanova School of Law
American Bar Association,
Litigation Section
Board of Directors, Business Leadership
Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)
Board of Directors, The Center
for Autism
Fellow, American Bar Foundation
Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
Former Member, Board of Directors,
Malvern Retreat House
Former Member, Board of Governors,
St. Thomas More Society



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- tried a Fair Labor Standards Act and retaliation case, securing a complete defense verdict for a multistate employer following a week-long federal court jury trial
- defeated a preliminary injunction petition filed by a publicly traded company seeking to preclude a former high-level executive from embarking on a new business venture
- defended a Swiss electronics company against patent infringement claims relating to transistor design in high-speed logic circuits
- secured dismissal of a multimillion-dollar lawsuit alleging civil conspiracy and tortious interference against a global distributor of industrial and specialty chemicals
- secured dismissal of alleged violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) against a global manufacturer of industrial heating and ventilation equipment
- represented investors in South Carolina federal court in a securities fraud case against a Wall Street short seller, securing a liability finding
- secured the dismissal of more than 50 cases against the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and other religious institutions
- secured a defense verdict following a week-long federal jury trial in an age-discrimination case
- obtained a defense verdict for a company's former president and majority shareholder charged with fraudulent misrepresentation following a merger with a publicly traded company, and secured the recovery of all legal fees and costs
- obtained a defense verdict following a bench trial on behalf of a local corporation in an action by a former high-level employee seeking substantial compensation
- defeated a petition for preliminary injunction seeking to enjoin three high-level executives from competing against their former employer
- obtained a precedent-setting opinion from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on behalf of a Pennsylvania investment company
- obtained a defense verdict for a neurosurgeon in a wrongful death/malpractice action
- obtained a complete defense verdict for a family physician in a wrongful death/malpractice action
- secured a defense verdict for a local college sued for negligence in a substantial personal injury action

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, "The Implications of 2020 Court Rulings on Catholic Institutions," Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities
- Presenter, "Economic Experts: What They Can Add to Your Employment Case, How to Work with Them and When You Don't Need Them," PBI 20th Annual Employment Law Institute

MEMBERSHIPS

Former Member, Development Advisory Council, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Philadelphia Bar Association

The Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Trial Law Institute

Diversity Law Institute



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- Presenter, "Tort Reform in 2012. What's New? What's Next?," Risk and Insurance Management Society 2012 Annual Conference
- Guest Speaker, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2008

RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, recognized for Pennsylvania: General Commercial Litigation
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*, Rising Star
- *The Legal Intelligencer*, "Lawyers on the Fast Track"

IN THE COMMUNITY

Mike serves on the boards of The Center for Autism and Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS). He is also a former member of the Development Advisory Council for the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

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