



WILLIAM N. WRIGHT

Background

William N. Wright is a Principal in Cummings & Lockwood's Litigation Group and is based in the Stamford office.

Will primarily practices in the areas of commercial litigation and trust and probate litigation, and was recognized as among the "Ones to Watch" by The Best Lawyers in America in 2021.

He has extensive experience representing individuals, businesses and other institutional clients in a broad range of legal matters, including contract and partnership disputes, trust and will contests, probate appeals, land use appeals, and residential and commercial tax appeals.

Will has also represented clients in appeals before state and federal courts, including the Connecticut Appellate and Supreme Courts, and United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. After graduating law school and prior to entering private practice, Will served as a law clerk to Judge Robert E. Beach of the Connecticut Appellate Court.

Practice Areas

- Litigation Group
- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Closely-Held Business Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Real Property and Environmental Litigation
- Trusts and Estates Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Tax Controversy and Litigation
- Fiduciary and Probate Litigation Group
- Trusts and Estates Litigation

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., *with honors*, 2008)
Connecticut Law Review, Editor
- Boston College (B.A., 2005)

Bar Admissions

- New York, 2011



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- Connecticut, 2008
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Professional Organizations

- Connecticut Bar Association
- Fairfield County Bar Association
- The Raymond E. Baldwin American Inn of Court

Professional Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America, "*Ones to Watch*", 2021 - Present

Civic and Philanthropic Activity

- Stamford Downtown Special Services District, Board of Commissioners
- Newfield Swim and Tennis Club, Board Member
- City of Stamford Vision Zero Task Force, Member

Matters

- Prevailed on appeal before the Connecticut Supreme Court in a case establishing a public policy exception to the enforcement of in terrorem/no-contest clauses in wills and trusts under Connecticut law. Opinion
- Obtained full dismissal in federal court on behalf of an NBA agent on all claims alleging that the agent stole a client from another agent and violated the National Basketball Players Association Player Agent Regulations. Opinion
- Successfully represented a large international law firm in a lawsuit seeking damages in excess of \$10 million for the alleged breach of a confidentiality agreement by obtaining both summary judgment at the trial court level and successfully defending the appeal before the Connecticut Appellate Court. Opinion
- Successfully represented executor of estate on appeal before the Connecticut Appellate Court in case alleging tortious interference with inheritance and tortious interference with contract. Opinion
- Successfully obtained a reversal from the Connecticut Supreme Court on behalf of a pro bono client who was a 9/11 widow in a case concerning the client's access to funds awarded to her by the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund for the benefit of her minor daughter. Opinion
- Obtained a reduction of more than \$30 million in assessed fair market value on a large office complex for a client in a commercial tax appeal, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in yearly tax savings for the client.
- Successfully represented an individual in a large commercial arbitration matter seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages
- Obtained summary judgment before the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut on behalf of an estate in a lawsuit concerning the entitlement to roughly \$4 million in proceeds from a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan
- Obtained a six-figure settlement in a fraud action concerning misleading investment materials that had induced an investment from our client
- Successfully represented developers in land use appeals concerning decisions by the Stamford Board of Representatives to overturn decisions by the Stamford Zoning Board and the Planning Board

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- Obtained a summary judgment on behalf of a neighborhood association against a resident in a dispute involving the construction of a new home
- Represented a Fortune 500 corporation in its commercial tax appeal resulting in a multimillion dollar reduction in assessment
- Represented a developer in an appeal involving a multimillion dollar turnover order before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals