

# Bart Williams Named a 2023 Leading Commercial Litigator by the Daily Journal

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**LOS ANGELES, January 25, 2023** - Proskauer, a leading international law firm, is pleased to announce that partner [Bart Williams](#) has been named a 2023 Leading Commercial Litigator by the *Daily Journal*. The inaugural list recognizes lawyers who have led major litigation in California and nationally.

As one of the nation's most sought after trial lawyers and commercial litigators, Bart counsels clients on the management of their most complex litigation crises and tries their most important cases before juries and judges. Bart has a wealth of experience in a wide array of commercial litigation as well as white collar criminal defense and internal corporate investigations.

Over the past 18 months, Bart was part of several high-profile and landmark litigation matters in industries such as media and entertainment, consumer products and asset management.

In a lawsuit filed against director Quentin Tarantino, Bart served as the lead counsel to Miramax on allegations of intellectual property infringement and breach of contract in connection with Tarantino's offering of non-fungible tokens (NFTs) relating to the Miramax film, *Pulp Fiction*. The case was one of the first of its kind relating to NFTs. In September 2022, Miramax settled its copyright suit against the filmmaker.

As the lead trial counsel for Monsanto, Bart secured a landmark victory for the company in a case brought by a person claiming that use of the herbicide Roundup caused their non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. After a 10 week trial, a California jury rejected the claims, returning a defense verdict on all counts. The verdict was the first verdict for the company that included an affirmative finding by the jury that the product is safe and does not cause cancer.

Bart was also recently part of a team of litigators that secured a significant victory for Shamrock Capital Advisors, in a high-profile case brought by founders and other minority shareholders of FanDuel, a bookmaker and fantasy sports provider, which is a portfolio company of Shamrock. In a \$1 billion lawsuit, the founders and early employees of FanDuel claimed that certain directors undervalued the company during its merger with European sportsbook Paddy Power Betfair. Proskauer secured dismissal of all claims against Shamrock for breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment at the trial court level.

Read Bart's full profile in the *Daily Journal* (subscription required):

<https://www.dailyjournal.com/articles/370702-bart-h-williams>

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We win make-or-break cases, change laws and establish precedents. Our litigators cover the full spectrum of complex commercial litigation practice areas and handle the complete range of sophisticated litigation, trial, appellate and counseling, as well as government contractor issues and investigations.

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