

# Bart Williams Named to Los Angeles Business Journal's Leader of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys List

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**LOS ANGELES, July 24, 2024** - Proskauer, a leading international law firm, is pleased to announce partner [Bart Williams](#) has been named to *Los Angeles Business Journal's* annual Leader of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys list. The list recognizes the best litigators and trial attorneys in the region who are making an impact on the legal trade through professional achievements and community leadership.

Bart serves as the global chair of the Firm's Litigation Department and head of its Los Angeles office. Recognized as one of the nation's most sought-after trial lawyers and commercial litigators, Bart brings a strategic, diligent and persuasive approach to Fortune 500 corporations in a variety of industries who rely on his expertise in their high-stakes and high-profile cases. Bart is frequently brought in just months or even weeks before a trial to secure a victory and his cutting-edge legal work often sets industry precedents.

Within the last year, Bart has served as the go-to trial lawyer in headline-making litigation matters. Notably, Bart and his team were retained by Gilead Sciences, Inc. to be lead trial counsel just three months before the start of the \$3.6 billion HIV antitrust case and delivered a total defense verdict following a six-week trial. The verdict was the third ever in reverse-payment cases of this type, and the first ever to find for the defense on grounds of the absence of a payment and the absence of market power for the brand in the relevant market.

Bart also served as lead trial counsel for Netflix, acclaimed director and writer Ava DuVernay and award-winning writer Attica Locke in a defamation case brought in federal court in New York by former longtime head of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office sex crimes unit. Bart's counsel led to an extremely successful resolution for the clients when the plaintiff decided to settle the case on the eve of trial with no payment to her or her lawyers, and no confidentiality provision related to the settlement.

Individuals on the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2024 Leader of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys list were selected following a comprehensive review by the editorial department. Attorneys were chosen based on a demonstrated impact made on the profession and on the Los Angeles Community.

Read more in the *Los Angeles Business Journal*: [Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys 2024](#)

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Recent successful representations include a landmark victory for Sanderson Farms in a \$7 billion broiler chicken antitrust conspiracy case; a decisive victory for Gilead Sciences, Inc. in a \$3.6 billion antitrust case; and representing Monsanto in a case brought by multiple plaintiffs who claimed Roundup caused their non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

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