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Focus Areas

Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets

Overview

Todd Church is Practice Group Director for Littler's Unfair Competition & Trade Secrets group. He works closely with the practice group co-chairs and key corporate departments in the areas of strategic planning, talent acquisition and development, marketing, group profitability, and day-to-day operations. Littler's subject matter professionals have built the group to be amongst the top firms handling the most trade secret and restrictive covenant matters across the country, and Todd's focus is to further build upon the firm's preeminent position in this practice area.

Todd previously spent over twelve years as an associate and shareholder at Littler, focusing on restrictive covenant and trade secret matters, but also representing employers in a wide range of labor and employment matters. Notably, he was a member of the Littler trial team that won a multimillion dollar verdict in Minnesota state court after a one week jury trial in 2015, one of the largest verdicts ever awarded in a restrictive covenant matter in that state.

In addition to his firm experience, Todd also worked in-house as associate general counsel in employment law for a national restaurant and hospitality company, where he handled issues ranging from day-to-day human resources counseling and managing litigation to labor relations and collective bargaining. Todd also served as a law clerk to the Hon. William J. Bauer on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Board Member, Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association

- Member, Chicago Bar Association

Recognition

- Named, Leading Lawyers, Illinois, *Leading Lawyers Magazine*, 2019

Education

J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, 2002

B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1999, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Massachusetts

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Publications & Press

Littler Elevates 28 Attorneys to Shareholder

Littler Press Release

January 3, 2018

Speaking Engagements

Breaking Up is Hard to Do: Managing Challenges that Arise When the Employment Relationship Ends

2019 Illinois SHRM Conference, Oak Brook, IL

September 23, 2019