



With more than two decades of advocacy and trial experience, corporate and commercial litigator Tom Hanson represents large and mid-sized companies in the resolution of complex business disputes. Tom pursues and defends claims involving breaches of fiduciary duty, corporate governance, breach of contract, purchase and sale agreements, limited liability company agreements, trade secret protection and restrictive covenants.

Tom frequently appears before the Delaware Court of Chancery, the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Complex Commercial Litigation Division of the Delaware Superior Court. He has served as lead trial counsel in a number of sophisticated commercial litigation cases and recently secured a defense jury verdict in a breach of contract action involving a claim for \$15 million in damages.

In addition, Tom is skilled in bringing and defending statutory corporate actions, including disputes regarding the appropriate composition of corporate boards under Section 225 of the Delaware General Corporation Law and requests for books and records and nonpublic company information under Section 220 of the DGCL and Section 18-305 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act. In a recent action, Tom obtained a ruling that his client was entitled to all of the requested books and records, plus attorneys' fees.

Dedicated to serving as a true legal strategist, fact-finder and effective counsellor, Tom seeks to prove time and again that he is able to formulate the right argument that can make a difference in both resolving the dispute at hand and conserving his client's time and resources. Tom understands the value of a favorable settlement, especially when swift resolution is imperative to his clients' objectives. Particularly experienced with the discovery phase, Tom is valued for his litigation prowess, deep understanding of corporate and commercial law, intellectual agility, honed negotiation skills, and willingness to take difficult cases to trial.

Professional and Community Involvement

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EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, (J.D.), 1996 University of Pittsburgh, (B.A.), 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

Delaware

Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Appeals and Critical Motions

Commercial Litigation

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Financial and Regulatory Litigation

Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Financial Services

Board member, Delaware Community Foundation

Board member, First State Community Loan Fund

Regional advisory board member, Salvation Army

Member, Delaware Diverse Law Partners Network

Member, Delaware State Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Honors

The Best Lawyers in America, 2022-2024

Delaware Today Top Lawyers, 2022-2023

Torchbearer Award, DuPont Legal Minority Counsel Network, 2014

Multicultural Judges & Lawyers Section Leadership Award, 2011

Wilmington Award for Community Service, 2009