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Mike Ciatti specializes in civil litigation and investigations involving a broad range of administrative, constitutional, statutory and common law issues. As a partner in our Contracts and Business Torts practice, Mike represents clients in a variety of industries, including financial services, automotive, pharmaceuticals and healthcare. Mike is also the Deputy Office Managing Partner for our Washington, D.C., office.

Matters

Represented a **Fortune 100 financial institution** in parallel investigations by the Department of Justice and other agencies, such as the SEC, IRS, OCC and various State Attorneys General, as well as parallel class action litigation.

Successfully represented a **multinational pharmaceutical company** in an indemnification claim related to breached representations and warranties in a stock purchase agreement.

Representing **Freddie Mac** in litigation in various federal courts over the Third Amendment to Freddie Mac's Stock Purchase Agreement with the Department of Treasury.

Successfully represented **Freddie Mac** in more than 40 state-wide class actions in federal courts around the country regarding the constitutionality and scope of its Congressionally mandated tax exemption.

Obtained summary judgment for **Freddie Mac** in suit by mortgage brokers in United States District Court for the Central District of California that included antitrust and defamation claims. Obtained dismissal of suit by mortgage brokers against Freddie Mac in United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama that included defamation, intentional interference with contract and conspiracy claims.

Defeated motion for preliminary injunction and obtained dismissal of complaint in suit brought against **Freddie Mac** in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota alleging violations of the 5th Amendment of the United States Constitution related to the Home Affordable Modification Program.

Conducted data privacy internal investigation for **energy company**.

Defended a **professional service firm** in lawsuits brought in various federal and state courts alleging, among other things, fraud, malpractice and RICO violations.

Defended **Mylan Laboratories** in a four-week jury trial in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia involving antitrust claims arising from exclusive supply agreements with API producers.

Represented **The Coca-Cola Company** with respect to government investigations related to whistleblower allegations.

Represented a **legal permanent resident** before the United States Supreme Court and lower courts in his successful appeal regarding the scope of a federal criminal statute that defines “crimes of violence” and provides a basis for removal from the U.S.

Represented a **major textile company** against its insurer in a \$1.1 billion property loss and business interruption claim resulting from an industrial catastrophe.

Obtained dismissal of claims against **individual defendants** in a lawsuit brought in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York alleging breach of contract, fraud and RICO violations, arising out of partnership disputes related to shopping mall management.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Virginia

B.A., University of Virginia

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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

District of Columbia

Virginia

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

Virginia State Bar

News

IN THE NEWS

November 15, 2018 • Source: Delaware Business Court Insider

Michael Ciatti secures a dismissal for FHFA, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae in a dispute with shareholders challenging the U.S. government’s ability to seize all of the quarterly profits after the companies’ bailout during the 2008 financial crisis

November 27, 2017 • Source: Delaware Business Court Insider

Mike Ciatti and Grace Rodriguez obtain a favorable judgement for Freddie Mac in a derivative shareholder lawsuit

November 15, 2017 • Source: Law360

Mike Ciatti and Merritt McAlister counsel several property buyers who filed a suit against the City of Chicago after a judge ruled that buyers were liable for local transfer taxes on properties bought

through Fannie Mae

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