

Areas of Practice

Commercial Litigation

Grant Schumann provides a full range of dispute resolution services to clients involved in all aspects of commercial enterprise. Our commercial litigators represent clients in a broad array of commercial disputes at the federal and state level, including business disputes, injunctive relief, real estate litigation, and constitutional law. We are trial lawyers. Our professional experience entails not only jury and bench trials, but also investigation and discovery practice, motion practice and appeals. We also have experience in negotiating monetary and non-monetary settlements. We also leverage alternative dispute resolution through commercial arbitration and mediation to resolve disputes in a more timely and cost effective manner for our clients.

Governmental Liability

Grant Schumann provides a full array of governmental law services. Our seasoned attorneys represent a variety of governmental entities, including municipalities, authorities and school districts. We defend our clients' interests in allegations of personal injury, property damage, breach of contract, employment matters and police misconduct and other claims pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. We proactively work with our governmental clients to help them avoid lawsuits before they start by rendering legal advice and interpretation regarding specific issues of liability.

Employment Law

Grant Schumann has substantial experience in the field of employment law. We proactively work with our clients to help them avoid lawsuits before they start by assisting them with the development and implementation of policies and practices that reduce the possibility of litigation. These include employment policies for hiring, retaining and terminating employees. We can also conduct independent internal investigations of employee claims of adverse employment action. When employment claims are filed, we represent our clients before federal and state courts as well as administrative agencies. Grant Schumann's experienced employment law attorneys have provided counsel on matters in areas including but not limited to: the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Federal Civil Rights Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, Illinois Human Rights Act, and the Family Medical Leave Act.

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

Grant Schumann has considerable experience representing the interests of creditors and lending institutions in federal bankruptcy and state courts. We are equipped to protect the interests of secured and unsecured creditors involved in any contested matters under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. We are also able to represent the interests of any creditor initiating a collection action or other commercial litigation against an adverse party. Grant Schumann's vast experience in transactional matters further qualifies our firm to provide counsel to any creditor involved in the work-out or liquidation of a commercial entity

Real Estate, Commercial Lending and Corporate

Grant Schumann has extensive experience in handling corporate, commercial lending and real estate matters for developers, investors, lenders and other businesses. We provide a full range of real estate services, including acquisitions, mortgage and construction financing and leasing. Grant Schumann has substantial expertise in all areas of commercial lending, including banking, lending, leasing, structured finance, project finance and securitizations. Our corporate work includes the purchase and sale of businesses and other general representation for businesses in the areas of banking, retailing, real estate and construction.

White Collar Criminal Defense

Grant Schumann represents individuals and business entities in the defense of criminal prosecutions, grand jury proceedings and criminal and regulatory investigations by municipal, state and federal authorities. We also handle appeals of trial level convictions. We also conduct confidential investigations of suspected fraud, theft and other criminal acts, regulatory violations or corporate compliance within a business or governmental entity. Our firm also renders advice regarding search and seizure, internal investigations and security issues in the workplace.