

GLOBAL LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION CAPABILITIES

1 WHO WE ARE

In an era of globalization—in which major legal disputes often cross national borders—Mayer Brown’s Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice offers clients a truly global platform with extensive reach across four continents. As one of the largest litigation practices in the world—with more than 500 litigators worldwide—our team has the intellectual depth, creativity and geographic scope to successfully resolve virtually any type of legal dispute in the Americas, Asia and Europe.

2 CLIENTS WE SERVE

We solve complex, high-stakes disputes for a wide range of public and private institutions, including a significant proportion of the Fortune 100, FTSE 100, CAC 40, DAX, Hang Seng and Nikkei index companies, as well as more than half of the world’s largest banks.

3 OUR LITIGATION SERVICES

Mayer Brown delivers extremely high and uncompromising standards of quality across a variety of litigation disciplines, and our litigators have been repeatedly recognized as leaders in their fields by publications such as *Chambers & Partners*, *National Law Journal*, *Law360* and *Legal 500*.

Antitrust & Competition	Banking & Finance Litigation
Commercial Litigation	Construction & Engineering
Consumer Litigation & Class Actions	Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
Employment Litigation & Counseling	Environmental
ERISA Litigation	Food & Beverage Class Actions
Global Investigations & White Collar Defense	Government Contracts
International Arbitration	Product Liability & Mass Torts
Securities Litigation & Enforcement	Supreme Court & Appellate
Tax Controversy & Litigation	Trial Litigation

AT A GLANCE

500+
Litigators Worldwide

7
Recognized Litigation categories in *BTI*’s 2025 Litigation Outlook

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Consecutive Years named a “Legal Technology Trailblazer” by *NLI*

7
categories

Mayer Brown was named a leading litigation firm by *The BTI Consulting Group* in its “BTI Litigation Outlook 2025” report. BTI recognized Mayer Brown in the following seven categories:



Leader:

Commercial Litigation, Class Action Litigation and Product Liability Litigation

Standout:

Cybersecurity Litigation and Securities and Finance Litigation

Distinguished:

Complex Commercial Litigation and Complex Employment Litigation

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Practice Groups of the Year

Mayer Brown was named among Law360’s 2024 “Practice Groups of the Year” in [Banking](#), [Complex Financial Instruments](#), [Tax](#) and [Transportation](#). The annual award series honors the lawyer teams behind “the litigation wins and major deals that resonated throughout the legal industry this past year.”

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years

For the tenth consecutive year, Mayer Brown was named to *Global Investigations Review’s* “GIR 30” list, which identifies the top 30 global investigations practices as part of its annual “GIR 100” guide to the world’s leading cross-border investigations firms.

Numerous practice lawyers ranked individually in Chambers, Legal 500, Benchmark Litigation, and among others.

Impact Case Award

In 2023, Mayer Brown was awarded *Benchmark Litigation’s* “Impact Case Award” for its precedent-setting win for the US Women’s National Team players in their equal-pay lawsuit against the US Soccer Federation.

19
years

Ranked by *Chambers & Partners* for Antitrust – USA Nationwide for 19 consecutive years (2007-2025)

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years

Ranked by *Legal 500 US* for Financial Services Litigation for 10 consecutive years (2016-2025)

18
years

Ranked by *Legal 500 US* Environment: litigation for 18 consecutive years (2008-2025)

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years

Ranked by *Legal 500 UK* for Banking Litigation for 11 consecutive years (2015-2025)

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years

Ranked by *Chambers & Partners* for ERISA Litigation – USA Nationwide for 10 consecutive years (2016-2025)

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years

Ranked by *Chambers Global* for FCPA four years in a row (2022-2025)

3
years

Ranked by *Chambers & Partners* for Products Liability – USA Nationwide (2023-2025)

4
years

Ranked by *Legal 500 UK* for Contentious Construction four years in a row (2022-2025)

Recognized

Shortlisted for Team of the Year: Litigation – *The Lawyer Awards UK* (2025)

NOTABLE LITIGATION SUCCESSES

1

HISTORIC EQUAL-PAY SETTLEMENT FOR US WOMEN'S

SOCCER TEAM. We obtained a landmark settlement for the players on the US Women's National Soccer Team in their equal-pay lawsuit against the US Soccer Federation. The players hired Mayer Brown to take over the appeal after losing on summary judgment. The team was able to turn the case around through its appellate briefing and amicus strategy, including by securing support from the US government and from the US Men's National Team. With the oral argument approaching on March 7, US Soccer became desperate to settle. The parties ultimately agreed to settle for \$24 million in backpay damages and a guarantee of equal pay going forward for all games, including for the World Cup. This is the first commitment from a major US sports federation to pay female and male athletes equally.

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BANKING & FINANCE TRIAL WIN. We won a significant victory for **Citibank** in litigation seeking to recover the remainder of a \$900 million mistaken payment on a syndicated loan on which Citi is agent. Citi was already embroiled in a dispute with a lender group over an amendment to collateral terms, when back-office employees accidentally paid the entire principal balance out of its own funds. After an expedited trial, the lenders were allowed to keep the money under the "discharge for value" rule. On appeal, however, the Second Circuit ruled that the defense was not available because the lenders were on notice of the error and the loan was not due.

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FIRST OF ITS KIND JURY TRIAL WIN. We obtained a complete victory on behalf of **Yale University** in a first-of-its-kind jury trial in the District of Connecticut involving allegations that Yale had breached its fiduciary duty to prudently monitor the plan's recordkeeping fees and investment lineup, as well as the share classes offered for those investments. After a five-week trial, the jury found no loss to the plan from Yale's failure to monitor recordkeeping fees, and no breach by Yale as to investment monitoring and share classes. As a result, the plaintiffs—who originally sought more than half a billion dollars and asked for over \$130 million from the jury—were awarded zero dollars in damages.

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RARE SECURITIES TRIAL WIN. We won an important victory for the **special committee of independent directors of BGC Partners**, a Cantor Fitzgerald affiliate. Plaintiffs alleged that our clients breached their fiduciary duties when they approved a \$975 million related-party transaction and sought over \$300 million in damages. After a five-day trial, Vice Chancellor Will found no liability for defendants, holding that our clients acted independently, conducted a fair process and negotiated a price that she found entirely fair. Following appeal and argument, the Delaware Supreme Court unanimously affirmed.

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COMPLETE REVERSAL ON APPEAL. We helped deliver a significant win for BMO Bank when the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals completely reversed a \$1.1 billion judgment against BMO that was based on the alleged role of a bank BMO later acquired (M&I) in a decades-long Ponzi scheme run by convicted businessman Tom Petters. The case against BMO, brought by the bankruptcy trustee for the sham company that Petters used to operate his scheme (PCI), alleged that M&I knew about and assisted in PCI managers' misconduct. The appeals court found that the district court had erred in rejecting BMO's *in pari delicto* defense that PCI's own wrongdoing was the main cause of the claimed damages. The trustee had argued that PCI's being in receivership before filing for bankruptcy meant that any improper behavior by PCI was wiped away. The Eighth Circuit disagreed and ordered judgment to be entered in favor of BMO.

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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: We obtained an important victory representing **Investimentos e Participações em Infraestrutura (INVEPAR)** in an international arbitration against VINCI Highways and Lima Expresa (VINCI). In a post-M&A dispute, VINCI requested interim relief, including the attachment of over US\$310 million of INVEPAR's assets as security. The arbitral tribunal (Bernard Haotiau (Belgium), David Arias (Spain) and Anne-Véronique Schlaepfer (Switzerland)) found in favor of INVEPAR on all counts.

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INSURANCE LITIGATION TRIAL WIN. After a hard-fought seven-day trial, a Houston-based Mayer Brown litigation team secured a major victory on behalf of two member companies of AIG, AIG Specialty Insurance and Lexington Insurance Company. The lawsuit, filed in the Superior Court of Delaware, focused on whether professional liability insurance policies covered a \$236 million settlement between the insured, Conduent Healthcare, and the State of Texas. A jury unanimously found that Conduent engaged in insurance fraud and bad faith in connection with the settlement. The jury also found that Conduent breached its duties under the policy to cooperate and to seek written consent in connection with the settlement.

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PRECEDENT SETTING TRIAL WIN. We secured a precedent-setting order permanently enjoining and declaring unconstitutional under the dormant Commerce Clause Rhode Island's "RhodeWorks" tolling program, which placed a toll only on large commercial trucks using Rhode Island's Interstate highways. Mayer Brown brought suit on behalf of the **American Trucking Association**, and two individual companies. After a 12-day bench trial, the court held that RhodeWorks comprises an unconstitutional user fee under the dormant Commerce Clause because it does not fairly approximate the use of the tolled facilities, was passed with discriminatory intent and discriminates in effect.

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SECURITIES JURY TRIAL WIN. We achieved a jury trial win on behalf of **James Im, a former CMBS bond trader at Nomura Securities International**, in connection with an SEC-initiated lawsuit alleging federal securities fraud arising out of statements to trading counterparties about acquisition price and ownership. These allegations mirrored criminal charges brought by the DOJ against RMBS traders.

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\$200 MILLION FALSE CLAIMS ACT WIN. After over a decade of litigation, we secured a major victory in the Eastern District of Wisconsin on behalf of **AT&T** against a qui tam plaintiff in a highly publicized \$200 million False Claims Act dispute. The plaintiff alleged that AT&T (Wisconsin Bell) fraudulently obtained subsidies under the federal government's E-Rate Program by falsely certifying that it has been providing telecommunications services to schools and libraries at the lowest rates charged to similarly situated customers. The district court granted AT&T's motion for summary judgment, finding that the plaintiff failed to adduce evidence that AT&T actually made any false claims, or that it "knowingly" overcharged any school or library.

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FOOD & BEVERAGE CLASS ACTION VICTORY. After more than five years of hard-fought litigation, we obtained final judgment for **Foster Farms** in a California consumer class action alleging that the company understated the water content of its fresh poultry products. The team prevailed on an appeal affirming the denial of class certification, persuading both the trial and appellate courts that plaintiffs had moved to certify a class on a theory of liability that the court had previously dismissed as preempted under federal law. The team then successfully opposed an eleventh hour attempt to amend their complaint (for the fifth time) to assert a different claim that was not preempted. Finally, the team convinced the court that the operative complaint contained no viable theory of liability, and obtained judgment on the pleadings.

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FALSE ADVERTISING LITIGATION WIN. We secured a major victory for **KIND** in a class action litigation pending since 2015. The plaintiffs had alleged that the "all natural" label on KIND products was misleading and deceptive to consumers. District Judge Naomi Reice Buchwald of the Southern District of New York disagreed, granting KIND's motion for summary judgment, motion to de-certify the plaintiffs' classes, and two motions to exclude the plaintiffs' experts. The plaintiffs, who had sought hundreds of millions of dollars in damages and attorneys' fees, instead walk away with nothing after Judge Buchwald granted KIND's motions across the board and dismissed the case. The dismissal is particularly significant as it marks a rare defense victory after a class has been certified in a food/beverage false advertising litigation.

NOTABLE LITIGATION SUCCESSES

13 **\$2.8 BILLION FRAUD DISMISSAL.** A New York-based litigation team obtained the dismissal on jurisdictional grounds of a \$2.8 billion state court action against Scotiabank for breaches of fiduciary duty, fraud and conversion allegedly resulting in the disappearance of hundreds of millions of dollars from bank accounts in Panama and the Cayman Islands. The court, in finding an absence of both general and specific personal jurisdiction, determined that jurisdictional discovery was not warranted as it would amount to little more than a fishing expedition.

14 **LNG SELLER DISPUTE.** We successfully represented an LNG seller in a dispute under an LNG SPA. The dispute concerned claims for substantial eleventh-hour diversion costs and was subject to SIAC arbitration in Singapore. We advised and prevailed in connection with injunction proceedings before the Geneva state courts, leading to a highly successful commercial settlement, which also allowed our clients to continue their trading relationship with the opposing party.

15 **INVESTOR-STATE ARBITRATION WIN.** We successfully represented the Kingdom of Morocco in an ICSID Case No. ARB/19/2 brought by an investor under the UK-Morocco BIT. The dispute related to a series of measures regarding the export of ferrous scraps and the import of metallic bars. The matter is important as it puts at stake Morocco's right to regulate in the interest of its national economy without breaching investors' entitlement to legal stability and due process.



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GLOBAL APPROACH

With our global “one-firm” approach, we deliver exceptionally high and uncompromising standards of quality across all of our offices. And no matter where the dispute takes place, we ensure that our clients receive an integrated, high-quality work product.

Mayer Brown is a significant force in today's major world markets. We are well known for our strategic counsel and for our dispute-resolution capabilities. Our longstanding clients look to us as trusted partners involved in the long-term life of their businesses.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“For large and complex commercial litigation, Mayer Brown has not only the legal skills to provide for your needs, but they are quick studies of the people and personalities to ensure that your litigation strategy and approach stays on track.”

Legal 500 US

“Mayer Brown provides clear and consistent legal advice in complex cases.”

Chambers USA

A “go-to firm for major corporates under criminal investigations,” with a “global network of offices” and “impressive line-up of ex-prosecutors.” **Global Investigations Review (GIR)**

“Fantastic trial lawyers with the capacity to handle large & complex international cases...”

Legal 500 US

“A key strength of the Mayer Brown team is their ability to look through purely legal issues to the commercial reality.”

Chambers UK

“Their work product is excellent, and they have the resources to get involved in big cases. They do an excellent job staying several steps ahead and they're very good working with clients.”

Chambers USA

“These are top litigators who can match the very best within the DOJ.”

Legal 500 US

“The team takes the time to understand our business and has a tremendous breadth of industry knowledge.”

Chambers USA

“Mayer Brown is a top firm with notable international arbitration practitioners in Europe and the Americas.”

Chambers UK