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Practices

FOCUS: Litigation

Real Estate Litigation

Intellectual Property
Litigation

Trademarks and
Trademark Litigation

Industries

Finance and Financial
Services

Recognition

Super Lawyers, Illinois,
2012–2019

Education

JD, University of
Michigan Law School

BA, Claremont
McKenna College

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Missouri

Court Admissions

US District Court,
Northern District of
Illinois

US District Court,
Central District of
Illinois

William J. Dorsey is a partner in the firm's Litigation practice. His practice focuses on high-stakes commercial disputes, including creditor's rights, real estate, M&A, and intellectual property.

Will represents many of the nation's leading lenders in cases involving intercreditor disputes, breach of credit agreements, guaranty enforcement, lender liability claims and lien priority fights. He also represents commercial lenders in bankruptcy litigation matters, including cash collateral disputes, preference and fraudulent transfer actions, claim objections, plan confirmation, and lift stay motions.

Will has handled foreclosures of industrial, retail, hotel, condominium, and condo-hotel projects across the country, including coordination of multi-state foreclosures. In addition, Will negotiates and documents forbearance agreements and deeds in lieu of foreclosure; litigates construction defect and mechanics lien claims on behalf of lenders, title insurance companies and property owners; and prosecutes and defends complex commercial lease disputes on behalf of large institutional lenders and commercial landlords and tenants. He has served as a court-appointed attorney to bankruptcy examiners.

Will also represents buyers, sellers, and lenders in contested M&A transactions and frequently provides transaction-related advice.

In the area of intellectual property litigation, Will concentrates his practice on disputes involving unfair competition, trade secret and trademark infringement.

Will has co-authored articles on the mortgage foreclosure process and landlord-tenant disputes for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute

Advisories

- Illinois Supreme Court Issues New Procedural Rules for Foreclosures (February 28, 2013)
- Chicago City Council Amends Vacant Building Ordinance to Address Mortgage Lender Concerns (November 8, 2011)



US Court of Appeals,
Seventh Circuit

US District Court,
Western District of
Missouri

US District Court,
Eastern District of
Michigan

- Newly Amended Vacant Building Ordinance Imposes Greater Obligations on Mortgage Lenders (August 31, 2011)
- 2009 Year-End Intellectual Property Issues Advisory (December 2009)
- *Destiny v. Citigroup*—What It Means for Lenders (August 4, 2009)

Articles

- Co-author, New Tool for Illinois Property Owners and Lenders to Remove Mechanics Liens, *International Law Office* (January 15, 2016)
- "Possession of the Mortgaged Property During a Foreclosure Action," Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (January 1, 2012)
- Commercial Landlord-Tenant Practice, Tenant Defaults and Landlord Remedies, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (January 1, 2010)

Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- Moderator | Borrower Delaying Tactics . . . How to Minimize Them | The Real Estate & Bank General Counsel Forum | Chicago, Illinois (May 7, 2015)

