

Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., Overview

Connections through shared values.

THE FIRM

President: Scott J. Dongoske
Number of Shareholders: 71
Number of Associates: 31
Total Number of Attorneys: 102

FIRM OVERVIEW:

Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., is a successful and growing law firm focused on building strong client relationships. The firm is practical in its approach, responsive to clients and highly competitive by nature. Attorneys rely on innovation rather than outmoded tradition – creativity rather than standard formulas. The firm enjoys steady growth by meeting the diverse needs of clients ranging from individuals and emerging-growth businesses to Fortune 500 companies throughout the Midwest and nationally.

MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Winthrop & Weinstine offers a full range of practice areas for each client's legal needs. The firm provides high-quality, tailored legal representation that goes beyond an excellent understanding of the law. In-depth experience, cost-effective service, and passionate attention to the details help Winthrop & Weinstine attorneys and staff meet the particular needs of each and every one of its clients.

Business and Commercial Litigation: Winthrop & Weinstine's talented trial lawyers tackle complex litigation, representing clients from Fortune 100 organizations to closely held businesses and partnerships. With extensive experience in products liability, shareholder disputes, employment law, construction litigation, insurance, securities, fraud, intellectual property, real estate, antitrust and unfair business practices, and white-collar crime, a trusted team directs the best course of action. The firm's litigators appear in state and federal courts at all levels.

Corporate: Winthrop & Weinstine provides legal and business counseling services to all sizes and varieties of businesses, representing entrepreneurs and established companies, both privately held and publicly traded. The firm's attorneys are highly experienced in structuring, negotiating and closing sophisticated business transactions, including mergers, acquisitions and dispositions, joint ventures, private equity/debt investment, and other strategic relationships. Winthrop & Weinstine securities attorneys have national experience assisting issuers and underwriters on initial and secondary public offerings, SEC, FINRA and marketplace (NASDAQ, AMEX, OTCBB and Pink Sheets) compliance issues, private placements, and equity and debt financings.

Banking and Finance: Throughout the Midwest and nationally, the firm represents bank holding companies, national banking associations, state banking institutions, trust companies, mortgage lenders, insurance companies, asset-based lenders and governmental entities with mortgage loan programs. Whether it is state and federal bank regulatory issues, mergers, acquisitions and dispositions, commercial lending transactions, construction and bridge loans, corporate restructures, bankruptcy, and credit transaction/issues, Winthrop & Weinstine attorneys keep clients coming back for unparalleled service and advice.

Intellectual Property and Brand Management: Winthrop & Weinstine holds a dominant position in the intellectual property field. The Chair of Winthrop & Weinstine's Intellectual Property group has been a Planner of the Annual Midwest IP Institute since its inception in 2002, and has served as an Editor of *The IP Book* since the first Annual Edition in 2003. Attorneys in the firm's IP group consistently author more chapters in *The IP Book* than almost any other firm. Winthrop & Weinstine's Trademark & Brand Management department enjoys a truly prominent reputation of national scope, having special expertise in litigating and resolving registration disputes before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, located in Washington, D.C., and it remains undefeated in litigating ICANN Domain Name Disputes. Winthrop & Weinstine's Intellectual Property group is passionate and proactive about protecting its clients' most important assets, whether they be patents, trademarks, copyrights, brands, advertising, rights of publicity, or trade secrets.

Legislative and Regulatory: Winthrop & Weinstine has one of the largest and best known practices of this nature in the state. The firm's experienced, senior professionals have built key relationships over 30 years of successfully securing legislative and regulatory outcomes for local, state and national clients. The firm represents clients before the Minnesota Legislature, as well as state regulatory agencies, including the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, Department of Transportation, Department of Revenue, Environmental Quality Board, and the Pollution Control Agency. At the federal level, the firm represents clients before the Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Federal Communications Commission.

Real Estate and Tax: The firm represents local and national clients in all aspects of real estate development, investment and operations. The firm provides outstanding service in all matters pertaining to real estate transactions, including land development, common interest communities, affordable housing, land use/ eminent domain, financing (both construction and permanent), tax credit syndication, commercial leasing, golf courses, hotels, real estate investment funds, 1031 exchanges, joint ventures, tax exempt organizations and more. Clients are large and small, and include for-profit and nonprofit developers, investors, lenders, housing authorities, cities and builders. In addition to the real estate tax representation, the firm's tax representation includes corporate (both C and S corporations) and partnership tax planning, tax structuring for mergers and acquisitions, and tax disclosure for securities offerings.

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