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Michael S. Smith

Associate

Mike is a member of the firm's Litigation Group. A Maine native with broad national and international legal experience, Mike maintains a practice focused on commercial, securities, and antitrust litigation, criminal and internal corporate investigations, and international legal issues. Prior to joining the firm, Mike was a senior associate in the New York and Boston offices of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, an international law firm.

Mike's securities litigation experience includes defending an underwriting syndicate comprised of more than one dozen global financial institutions and regional investment banks against a class action brought under Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933. He also has extensive experience in representing clients in connection with white collar and corporate compliance issues, having acquired particular expertise in the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and related foreign statutes. He has assisted numerous companies in defending against DOJ and SEC investigations and conducting confidential internal investigations and risk assessments involving conduct in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, and Central and South America. Mike has represented financial institutions, a global airline, telecommunications companies, private equity firms, and individuals.

In 2010, Mike served for six months as a Special Assistant District Attorney in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in Massachusetts, where he managed a caseload of over 200 criminal matters. During that time, he tried a variety of cases to juries and judges, including felony narcotics distribution, felony bank theft, and a domestic violence incident.

Mike is originally from Whitefield, Maine, and he now lives in the Portland area. In 2012, he and his wife completed a trip around the world, visiting countries in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.

Practice Areas

- Antitrust & Competition
- Data Security & Privacy
- International Commerce
- Litigation
- Securities
- White Collar Defense & Government Investigations



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Education

- Boston College Law School (J.D., cum laude, 2007)
 - Executive Editor, Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review
- Boston College (B.A., magna cum laude, 2004)
 - o Political Science; History

Admissions

- Maine
- Massachusetts
- New York
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan