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## **Business Litigation Practice**

For 30 years, John Griffin has aggressively represented clients in resolving business disputes in court, arbitration, mediation and pre-litigation negotiations with an eye towards the most cost-effective result for the client. Clients value John's unique combination of practical business experience and extensive legal knowledge and training in obtaining the results they want. His quick mind, accounting and finance knowledge, and creative problem-solving often result in settlements that benefit both sides. John is a skilled advocate who will doggedly investigate and pursue your interests. Plaintiffs will get a seasoned opinion on the merits of pursuing their claims, and defendants will get thorough and skilled representation to minimize litigation costs and settlement values.

Trained by the sharpest legal minds in the US in all aspects of dispute resolution, John has consistently delivered excellent legal representation. Whether studying Evidence under Prof. Jack Weinstein and Commercial Transactions under Prof. E. Allan Farnsworth at Columbia University Law School, working with Harvard's Prof. Laurence Tribe, Yale's Prof. Louis Loss and Houston's Joe Jamail, the "King of Torts", on the \$10 billion *Pennzoil v. Texaco* Supreme Court appeals, or assisting Prof. David Epstein on bankruptcy cases, John understands the relevant legal issues from those who literally wrote the books on complex business litigation. His extensive experience covers shareholder derivative suits, securities law violations, fraud, tortious interference with contract and business relations, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, breach of confidentiality and covenants not to compete, misrepresentation, foreclosure and deficiency, Unfair Trade Practices Act violations, and *qui tam* whistleblower suits under the Federal False Claims Act.

On the plaintiffs' side, John is currently representing a large group of investors in breach of fiduciary duty and securities fraud litigation involving over \$7 million in Virginia, Texas and South Carolina. One co-conspirator entered a guilty plea to federal criminal fraud and the co-conspirators have settled the civil fraud claims. John represents a Wisconsin based lender in seeking and collecting over \$2 million in deficiency judgments on two separate defaulted loans in Missouri. John also represented a United Arab Emirates based business in breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract and tortious interference with contract lawsuits in Virginia and New York. John welcomes contingency fee cases involving defrauded investors, securities law violations, breach of fiduciary duty claims, *qui tam* whistleblower and other complex business issues.

On the defense side, John successfully defended a securities investigation before the Securities Exchange Commission in Washington and a lawsuit alleging misappropriation of trade secrets in South Carolina. In the early 1990s, John represented an Italian bank in a federal criminal fraud investigation in Atlanta involving over \$4 billion in illegal loans to Iraq.

John is a member of the State Bars of South Carolina, Texas, Georgia and Virginia and is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of those states. As needed, he has been admitted *pro hac vice* in the courts of other states with the assistance of local counsel. For more information about how John can help you efficiently resolve disputes, please contact John Griffin at (434) 825-1529 or email him at [JGriffin@BlinchowGriffin.com](mailto:JGriffin@BlinchowGriffin.com).