

Litigation & Trials

We represent clients on both sides of high-stakes litigation, having led or co-led over 500 cases in federal, state, and appellate courts, including complex multidistrict litigation (MDL) and class actions. Trusted for trial-ready solutions, we are recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The National Law Journal*, and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Our attorneys, fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers and Litigation Counsel of America, have served as lead counsel in over 100 jury and bench trials, as well as in private arbitrations. We approach every case with trial readiness, ensuring cost-effective strategies and maximum leverage at every stage.

Strategic, Client-Focused Approach

We prioritize clients' business goals with innovative strategies. As plaintiffs' counsel, we've secured hundreds of millions in damages. As defense counsel, we've minimized claims worth billions, often winning on motions to dismiss.

Business-Driven Solutions

With our in-house experience, we offer valuable insights into both legal and business challenges. Our approach emphasizes delivering efficient, tailored services and fee structures that align with clients' financial and strategic objectives.

Industry Acumen

We counsel Fortune 500 companies, startups, and individuals across industries such as consumer products, financial services, insurance, healthcare, life sciences, pharmaceuticals, and technology.

High-Profile Business Disputes

We are prepared to lead our clients through their most complex and high-stakes commercial litigations, from headline-grabbing MDLs to single-plaintiff disputes.

Clients frequently engage us as lead counsel in bet-the-company cases, especially those involving intricate technical and economic issues or significant reputational risks. Our in-house experience and inquisitive approach enable us to deliver strategic and incisive legal counsel.

We advise on a wide range of commercial litigation matters, with extensive experience in business torts, contract disputes, corporate governance, fiduciary duties, labor and employment, securities regulation, and technology and data privacy disputes.

Class Action Defense

Combining scale and agility, we represent clients in company-defining class actions, including complex and intersecting cases. Our litigators employ a trial-ready strategy that aligns with clients' business goals, emphasizing quick and cost-effective resolutions. We have a proven track record of defeating class certification early in litigation and achieving favorable outcomes in private arbitrations and settlement negotiations.

As coordinating counsel in cases with multiple defendants and jurisdictions, we excel in collaborating with co-counsel to develop and implement cohesive defense strategies.

Trials

We distinguish ourselves through our extensive experience in trying – and winning – cases. As lead counsel in over 100 jury and bench trials in the past decade, we understand what it takes to successfully argue cases in court. Our team includes fellows of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and the Litigation Counsel of America, along with lawyers recognized as top litigators by leading legal directories.

We take a proactive approach to every dispute, treating each one as if it will go to trial. From day one, we leverage our deep trial experience to implement aggressive and cost-effective litigation strategies aimed at securing victory.

Arbitration

Our clients rely on us to thoroughly assess the exposure and risk associated with each dispute. With their reputations and bottom lines in mind, we are tenacious advocates, whether in court or in private arbitration.

We handle a wide range of commercial arbitrations across various industries, including cases involving major brand names and significant industry matters. From class actions alleging industrywide conspiracies to single-plaintiff disputes brought by high-profile individuals, we consistently achieve favorable results that resolve lengthy and costly litigation.

Insights

Hartford HealthCare Black and Red Gala 2025

Axinn is pleased to sponsor Hartford HealthCare's Black and Red Gala in Hartford on May 10. Proceeds from the gala will benefit Hartford HealthCare's Center for Education, Simulation & Innovation at Hartford Hospital.

News | March 25, 2025 | 1 min read

Denise Plunkett and Nicholas Gaglio Named to Crain's New York Business Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys

Axinn litigation practice chair Denise Plunkett and partner Nicholas Gaglio have been named "Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys" by Crain's New York Business.

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Axinn at the 2025 ABA White Collar Crime Conference

The 40th American Bar Association White Collar Crime Conference took place on March 5-7, 2025 in Miami, and was once again loaded with...

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Wynn v. The Associated Press, et al.: A Recent Petition for a Writ of Certiorari Highlights Challenges to New York Times v. Sullivan and Anti-SLAPP Laws

The 1964 Supreme Court case New York Times v. Sullivan, which requires public officials to prove "actual malice" to succeed on a...

Will the Supreme Court Upend the Jurisdictional Landscape?

Many defendants with no connection to the jurisdiction in which they are sued may assert a personal jurisdiction defense to avoid...

Event | February 20, 2025

NBA Commercial Law Section 38th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference

On February 20, Axinn partner and chief diversity, equity & inclusion officer Leslie Overton will speak on the "Shareholder Activism in Transition: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges Under a New Administration" panel at the National Bar Association Commercial Law Section's Corporate Counsel Conference, being held February 20-22 in Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

News | January 27, 2025 | 2 min read

Litigation Partner Scott Eisman Joins Axinn in New York

Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP announced today that Scott Eisman has joined its litigation practice as a partner in the New York office.

Event | January 26, 2025

SABA North America Corporate Counsel Retreat 2025

Axinn partner Kail Jethmalani will speak on the "Discussions on Class-Action Trends" panel at the South Asian Bar Association of North America's Corporate Counsel Retreat, being held January 26-28 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Axinn Attorneys Named to Lawdragon 500 Leading Antitrust & Global Competition Lawyers Guide

Axinn is pleased to announce that Lawdragon has recognized 23 attorneys in its "Leading Antitrust & Global Competition Lawyers" guide for 2025.

News | January 10, 2025 | 1 min read

Axinn Partners Named to Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America 2025

Axinn is pleased to announce that Lawdragon has recognized five partners in its "Leading Lawyers in America" guide for 2025.

Practice Chair



Denise L. Plunkett

Featured Insights

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- AHLA Annual Meeting 2025
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- SABA North America Annual Conference 2025 SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT ANTITRUST

 Navigating Compliance: How the 2025 Hart-Scott-Rodino Updates Are Impacting Businesses

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- NJSBA Annual Meeting and Convention 2025
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- Hartford HealthCare Black and Red Gala 2025
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- Informa CompLaw Antitrust West Coast Conference 2025
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- AHLA Health Care Transactions Program 2025
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 SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
- ACI 21st Annual Paragraph IV Conference SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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