



Litigation & Trial

High-Stakes Disputes Demand Strategic Defense

When business disputes threaten your financial stability, operations, or reputation, you need more than legal knowledge. You need litigators who bring strategic clarity, business perspective, and trial strength. Hinshaw's Litigation & Trial team is built for high-value, high-risk disputes, combining courtroom excellence with a pragmatic understanding of client objectives.

With litigators from coast-to-coast, Hinshaw handles thousands of cases annually in state and federal courts nationwide. Our ranks include seasoned trial lawyers, former state and federal prosecutors, and appellate advocates who have argued precedent-setting cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals, and state high courts. We pair this depth with efficiency: lean teams, hands-on partner involvement, and solutions calibrated to manage cost as well as risk.

We know litigation is a business problem that requires a business solution. By taking the time to understand our clients, their industries, and their operations, our litigators anticipate challenges, manage liability, and resolve disputes with the client's broader objectives in mind. As a result, whether through trial, arbitration, mediation, or strategic settlement, we bring clarity and consistency to even the most complex disputes.

Precision and Preparedness: We approach every matter with a trial-ready mindset. From the outset, our teams prepare cases as if they will go the distance. Our approach positions clients strongly for negotiation, motion practice, or trial. This posture ensures that we control the narrative and are never caught off guard, no matter how a dispute evolves.

Business-Minded Problem Solvers: We recognize that litigation is a business risk, not just a legal battle. Our strategies are designed to align with our clients' operational and financial objectives, balancing risk tolerance, reputational considerations, and cost. Clients value our ability to simplify complex problems and deliver results that protect both their legal and business interests.

National Reach, Local Insight: With litigators across the country, Hinshaw offers a national platform with local knowledge. We coordinate seamlessly across jurisdictions, ensuring consistency of strategy while leveraging regional insights. Our scale allows us to handle everything from one-off disputes to nationwide litigation portfolios with efficiency and precision.

Partner-Level Involvement: Our senior trial lawyers are deeply engaged in every matter. Clients consistently note the accessibility and hands-on involvement of our partners, who know the details of their cases and drive strategy

directly. This level of involvement creates confidence, continuity, and strong client relationships.

Adaptability and Responsiveness: Disputes don't follow a script, and neither do we. Whether a client needs immediate injunction relief, efficient subpoena response management, or long-term portfolio oversight, our teams adapt quickly. Clients trust us to be responsive, practical, and creative in solving problems as they arise.

Consistency and Value: Clients turn to Hinshaw because they know what to expect: experienced litigators who are strategic, results-oriented, and cost-conscious. We staff leanly, work efficiently, and remain competitive on pricing, delivering value that rivals larger firms without sacrificing quality or depth.

Areas of Focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Our lawyers regularly represent clients in mediation, arbitration, and hybrid ADR proceedings. We serve both as advocates and as neutrals, drawing on deep experience with institutions such as AAA, JAMS, ICC, and UNCITRAL. We design ADR strategies that resolve disputes decisively while protecting business relationships and long-term interests.

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Appellate

Hinshaw represents businesses and individuals in appellate matters before state and federal courts across the country. Our lawyers have drafted briefs and presented oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeals, and in state appellate courts. With extensive experience handling post-trial motions, interlocutory appeals, and writs, we advance our clients' interests at every stage of the appellate process.

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Complex Commercial Litigation

We represent businesses in high-value contract disputes, shareholder litigation, trade secret cases, business torts, and cross-border commercial conflicts. Many matters involve multi-party, multi-jurisdictional claims where reputational and financial stakes are significant. Our litigators combine trial readiness with commercial acumen to deliver strategies that align with business goals.

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Complex Tort & General Casualty

Hinshaw defends clients in catastrophic injury, product liability, personal injury, premises liability, property damage claims, and mass tort cases. We manage high exposure claims across industries including construction, hospitality, retail, and insurance. Our team conducts thorough investigations, leverages trial experience, and provides risk mitigation strategies and subrogation counsel to protect clients' operations, preserve their reputations, and minimize liability.

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Consumer & Class Action Defense

We handle class and collective actions under statutes such as FDCPA, FCRA, TCPA, and state consumer protection laws. Our lawyers defend clients in consumer fraud, privacy, data breach, and product liability class actions, often achieving early dismissals or defeating class certification. We also advise on compliance and risk management strategies to reduce the likelihood of future litigation.

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Employment Litigation

Hinshaw defends employers in state and federal courts against claims involving wage and hour disputes, discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, class actions, union violations, and ERISA litigation. We provide strategic counsel on labor relations, workplace investigations, employment law compliance, and risk management. Our team also represents clients in mediations and agency investigations—including those by OSHA, EEOC, and the NLRB—and offers compliance training, drafts workplace policies, and negotiates executive agreements.

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Environmental

Our lawyers represent clients in environmental litigation in federal and state courts and before agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We defend manufacturers and insurers in pollution, toxic tort, and other regulatory disputes, and advise on compliance, permitting, pollution prevention, and strategic planning for environmental risk.

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Financial Services Litigation

Hinshaw defends banks, lenders, mortgage servicers, fintechs, and other financial institutions in disputes involving lending practices, regulatory compliance, consumer protection, and fraud. Our experience spans class actions, arbitrations, enforcement actions, and supervisory exams. We help financial services clients resolve disputes efficiently while safeguarding operations and reputations.

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Healthcare

We support healthcare clients in a rapidly evolving regulatory landscape through litigation, audits, and investigations. In courts and administrative hearings, we defend healthcare providers, organizations, hospitals, and professionals in medical malpractice actions, regulatory disputes, and reimbursement litigation. Our team advises on HIPAA, HITECH, and transactional matters and provides compliance training and risk management counsel.

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Insurance Coverage & Litigation

We provide insurers with comprehensive counsel across general liability, property, professional, and specialty lines. Our work includes policy analysis, declaratory judgment actions, bad faith defense, extra-contractual disputes, and reinsurance litigation. With one of the nation's deepest benches of coverage lawyers, Hinshaw delivers clarity and strategic defense in complex coverage disputes.

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Life, Health, Disability & ERISA

Hinshaw represents leading insurers, benefit plans, administrators, and fiduciaries in life, health, disability, and ERISA litigation nationwide. Our attorneys handle complex benefit disputes, fiduciary and class action claims, and managed care matters with efficiency, precision, and deep industry insight. With decades of experience in federal and state courts across the country, we navigate the full spectrum of ERISA and non-ERISA claims, from benefit denials and fiduciary breach allegations to regulatory and service provider disputes.

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Managed Care

Hinshaw advises and represents payers, health plans, and other managed care entities in the full gamut of reimbursement disputes. With deep experience in payer-provider disputes and negotiations, we deliver practical,

defensible solutions that support both operational realities and long-term growth.

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Mortgage Servicing & Lender Liability Litigation

We defend mortgage servicers, lenders, and financial institutions against claims involving foreclosure, servicing practices, and lender liability. Our lawyers regularly handle FDCPA, RESPA, TILA, and other consumer finance-related claims, including class actions. We also advise on supervisory exams, compliance programs, and transactional support to minimize litigation risk.

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Nationwide Litigation Portfolio Management

For clients facing high volumes of litigation across multiple jurisdictions, Hinshaw provides centralized portfolio management. We coordinate defense strategies, manage local counsel, and implement consistent approaches to discovery, settlement, and trial. Our scalable model reduces costs and creates predictability while preserving the flexibility needed to address unique claims.

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Professional Liability

Hinshaw defends attorneys, accountants, healthcare providers, architects, engineers, insurance brokers, and other professionals against malpractice, fiduciary duty, and ethics claims. We combine deep industry knowledge with strong trial experience to resolve high-stakes professional liability disputes. Our lawyers also counsel professionals on risk management, compliance, and ethics to mitigate future exposure.

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Subpoena Response Management

We assist clients in responding to third-party subpoenas, discovery requests, and regulatory inquiries in a streamlined manner. Our team handles collection, review, and production of documents while protecting confidentiality, privilege, and business operations. By centralizing subpoena response, we minimize disruption and reduce costs while ensuring compliance with legal obligations.

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White Collar Defense, Investigations, & Enforcement

Our attorneys represent corporations, executives, and boards in white collar criminal defense and regulatory enforcement matters. We conduct internal investigations, respond to subpoenas and agency inquiries, and defend clients against allegations of fraud, securities violations, and other misconduct. With former federal prosecutors on our team, we bring credibility and insight into how regulators and enforcement agencies operate.

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Workers' Compensation

Hinshaw represents employers and insurers in workers' compensation disputes, from initial filings through hearings and appeals before state agencies and federal courts nationwide. Our team manages complex cases and third-party actions, coordinates medical and expert evidence, and advises on compliance and risk reduction, while managing claims to minimize costs. Our lawyers also defend self-insured employers in high-exposure claims, including catastrophic injuries.

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Strategic Litigation When Your Business Is on the Line

Whether you're facing complex commercial disputes, navigating high-stakes litigation, or addressing sensitive regulatory matters, Hinshaw delivers customized advocacy tailored to your unique needs and circumstances. With one of the premier litigation practices in the US, our seasoned litigators and trial lawyers resolve a wide range of disputes for clients across diverse industries and jurisdictions.

Insights

Webinar
Nov 11, 2025

Robert Finley Speaks on Personal Injury Settlement Strategies Related to Medicaid's Anti-Lien Provisions

Press Release
Oct 7, 2025

Experienced Litigator Rachel Nudel Joins Hinshaw on East Coast

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Oct 7, 2025

Litigation Attorney Heather Calhoon Joins Hinshaw's Miami Office as a Partner

Press Release
Sep 30, 2025

April Toy Named Among Wisconsin's 31 Most Influential Latino Leaders of 2025 by *Madison365*

Press Release
Sep 26, 2025

Hinshaw Recognized as a "Leader in Litigation" in the *BTI Consulting Litigation Outlook 2026* Survey

Press Release
Sep 22, 2025

Kate Schnake Named to *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's* 2025 40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty

In The News
Sep 18, 2025

Firm Managing Partner Robert Shannon and the Leadership Greater Chicago 2025 Daniel Burnham Fellowship Cohort Profiled in *Crain's Chicago Business*

Webinar
Sep 3, 2025

David Levitt Moderates DRI's CLE Webinar on Litigation Funding

Press Release
Aug 25, 2025

Craig Liljestrand Elected to the IADC *Defense Counsel Journal's* Editorial Board

Press Release
Aug 8, 2025

Business Litigator and Commercial Transactions Attorney Jason E. Rosen Joins Hinshaw's Miami Office as a Partner

Press Release
Aug 1, 2025

David Levitt Elected to the Board of Managers of The Decalogue Society of Lawyers

Event
Jul 9, 2025

Craig Liljestrand Presents on PFAS Litigation

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Healthcare

Insurance

Intellectual Property

Manufacturing

Real Estate

Transportation & Mobility