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Josh Yount, a litigation partner in Mayer Brown's Chicago office and a co-leader of the firm's top-ranked Supreme Court and Appellate practice, focuses his practice on appellate litigation, class certification defense, and securities law. In his appellate work, Josh has briefed and argued appeals in numerous federal and state courts. He also has assisted clients with trial and post-trial strategies to develop and preserve arguments for appeals. Josh's work has been instrumental in achieving significant successes for major corporate clients in the U.S. Supreme Court and other appellate forums.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Amgen, Inc v. Connecticut Retirement Plans & Trust Funds (U.S. Supreme Court)

Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds filed a securities-fraud complaint against Amgen, alleging Amgen made certain misrepresentations to the FDA during the approval process for a drug later marketed by Amgen.

Bemis v. State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. (Illinois)

A chiropractor and his practice group brought a putative class action against our client, State Farm, for breach of contract and unjust enrichment arising from the insurer's alleged operation a "silent PPO."

BSH Home Appliances Corp. v. Cobb (U.S. Supreme Court)

Purchasers of front-loading clothes washing machines brought a class action against BSH, alleging that the washers are defective because they have a propensity to develop mold, mildew, and odors.

Chambers v. Whirlpool Corporation (Ninth Circuit)

We are asking the Ninth Circuit to reverse the district court's excessive award of \$15 million in attorneys' fees to class counsel for obtaining a settlement that provides class members with \$2 to \$5 million in benefits.

Credit Suisse Sec. LLC v. Billing (U.S. Supreme Court)

This case arose from antitrust claims asserted against several leading underwriters and mutual fund families. The plaintiffs

challenged alleged conduct regarding the underwriting of initial public offerings during the “Internet bubble” in the late 1990s.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. v. NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund (U.S. Supreme Court)

NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund brought a putative class action under Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act, alleging supposedly common misstatements relating to 17 different mortgage-backed securities underwritten and issued by Goldman Sachs and its affiliates.

In re Sears, Roebuck and Co. Front-Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation (Seventh Circuit)

We persuaded the Seventh Circuit to cut the fee award to plaintiffs’ attorneys nearly in half.

In re Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation (Glazer v. Whirlpool Corp.) (Sixth Circuit)

We represent a washing machine manufacturer on appeal, defending a judgment for the manufacturer in a suit alleging that certain of its front-loading washing machines are defective.

Kenny v. Kenny Industries (Illinois)

In this case, respondent Kenny Industries appealed an order of the state trial court denying its motion for release from a judgment confirming the arbitrator’s final award in favor of plaintiff, Kenney, arguing that the trial court erred in denying the motion because respondent retained the right to a setoff under the original contract in dispute.

Neuros Co., Ltd. v. KTurbo, Inc. (Seventh Circuit)

At trial, our clients (Neuros and APG) prevailed on a defamation claim, but lost on claims under the Lanham Act and Illinois’s Deceptive Trade Practices Act, against a competitor (KTurbo) who accused our clients of cheating and committing crimes in submitting performance information to a prospective customer.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. v. Butler (U.S. Supreme Court)

The plaintiffs allege that certain washers emit odors and produce false error codes. The Seventh Circuit ruled that these plaintiffs could represent a class of purchasers in several states asserting warranty claims.