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Vince is a vigorous advocate for his clients with extensive litigation, arbitration and trial experience. Clients look to Vince for business-minded solutions to disputes involving restrictive covenants, intellectual property, contracts and business torts.

OVERVIEW

Vince Barbera is an experienced commercial litigator serving his clients as a true partner and business advisor with an eye toward their short and long-term business and litigation goals and objectives. Having represented a variety of businesses of all sizes and spanning many industries, Vince is well-versed in a wide range of litigation and arbitration matters including those involving restrictive covenants, intellectual property, unfair competition claims, RICO claims, partnership and shareholder disputes, real estate disputes, professional liability claims, business torts, and various contract-based disputes. He has vast experience protecting companies' proprietary products or techniques, confidential information, and client goodwill. Clients look to Vince for cost-effective and business-minded solutions, and appreciate his holistic approach when evaluating each legal issue and developing a strategy to achieve the client's goals.

When a client's case cannot be resolved amicably, Vince brings his considerable litigation and trial experience to bear as a dedicated advocate for his clients. As lead counsel, Vince has tried both jury and non-jury commercial cases to verdict and has argued commercial cases before federal and state courts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and various other states and jurisdictions around the country. Vince has also handled appellate matters before the Pennsylvania Superior Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third and Eighth Circuits.

Outside of work, Vince is an avid outdoorsman and golfer and enjoys spending time with his wife and three young children. He also devotes time to coaching his children's various sports teams.

PRACTICES

Appellate
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Financial Lines
Intellectual Property
Professional Liability

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law, JD, 2009
College of the Holy Cross, BA, 2006

MEMBERSHIPS

Holy Cross Club of Philadelphia

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Vince provides pro bono legal advice and counsel through Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, a non-profit legal services organization that offers legal assistance to artists and cultural organizations, and Philadelphia V.I.P.

He is actively involved in the local legal community, having held leadership roles in the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Justinian Society of Philadelphia, and the Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia.

Vince is recognized as a *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* since 2023 in the area of Commercial Litigation. Vince has been selected by his peers as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer "Rising Star" each year from 2014–2023 in the area of Business Litigation. In 2019, Vince was named an "Influencer of the Law" by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Vince's love of trial advocacy dates back to law school, where he was a member of Villanova Law School's National Trial Team and won the Lone Star Classic, a national invitational mock trial tournament in San Antonio, Texas. After law school, Vince served as a member of the Adjunct Faculty at Villanova Law School and coached the National Trial Team from 2009 - 2016. He continues to devote time to aid in the development of the next generation of trial lawyers by serving as a volunteer judge at both high school and law school mock trial tournaments.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Appeal Secures Seven-Figure Settlement for Philadelphia-Based Food Manufacturer
5.31.18

Employment Law Trial Team Defeats Race Retaliation Claim in Federal Court
5.25.17

White and Williams Represents Gust in Landmark Patent Troll Litigation
12.27.16

White and Williams Represents Gust in Patent Infringement Cases
11.20.15

Leonetti's Frozen Foods, Inc. v. Crew, Inc., 887 F.3d 438 (8th Cir. 2018) Briefed and argued appeal of adverse summary judgment decision before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, resulting in the reversal of the District Court's decision in favor of a locally-based food manufacturing company. A seven-figure settlement was thereafter obtained for the client

Justinian Society of Philadelphia

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

Co-lead trial counsel in Pennsylvania state court in bench trial in breach of restrictive covenant matter. Verdict for client in excess of \$1M

Lead trial counsel in Pennsylvania state court in four-day jury trial in breach of contract matter. Jury verdict for full amount of client's claim

Lead trial counsel in five-day jury trial of complex commercial dispute in Pennsylvania state court involving claims of breach of contract and warranties

Obtained injunction in favor of corporate client, enforcing terms of non-solicit provision and later moved for and secured award of sanctions against opposing parties for violating the terms of the injunction order

Tried complex AAA commercial arbitration as co-lead trial counsel for corporate client in breach of contract action and obtained full verdict for client

Defeated motion for preliminary injunction seeking to preclude enforcement of a restrictive covenant in Pennsylvania state court

Secured preliminary injunction in favor of corporate client enforcing restrictive covenants against multiple former employees and their current employer in federal court

Secured temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction enforcing restrictive covenants and preventing the use and dissemination of confidential information in federal court

Defended home health care company accused of trademark infringement. Plaintiff ultimately agreed to a walk-away settlement

Prevailed on a motion to dismiss intellectual property claims against a corporate client for lack of personal jurisdiction in federal court

Briefed and secured Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal of Dragonetti and abuse of process claims against attorney client in federal court

Secured preliminary injunction requiring corporate director to take action consistent with prior vote in favor of board resolution

Represented shareholders of closely-held corporations in shareholder oppression litigation in the Chancery Division of the New Jersey Superior Court

IN THE NEWS

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 45 White and Williams Lawyers
Firm News, 8.18.23

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
5.25.23

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White And Williams Lawyers
Firm News, 8.18.22

Congratulations 2022 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
7.13.22

White and Williams Lawyers Recognized as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.1.21

Congratulations 2020 DE, MA, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.5.20

White and Williams Announces Lawyer Promotions
Two Lawyers Elected to Partnership and Eight Associates Promoted to Counsel
1.2.20

Congratulations 2019 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.17.19

Law Week 2019: Associates Volunteer for Legal Advice Live
5.2.19

Vince Barbera Named 2019 Influencer of Law by *The Philadelphia Inquirer*
3.27.19

Congratulations 2018 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.18.18

Law Week 2018: Associates Volunteer for Legal Advice Live
5.3.18

Vince Barbera Elected 2018 Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division
1.15.18

White and Williams Associates Honored at Philadelphia Bar YLD Annual Meeting
12.1.17

Congratulations 2017 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.11.17

Law Week 2017: Associates Volunteer for Lawyers in the Classroom and Legal Advice Live
5.5.17

Vince Barbera Recognized as Young Lawyer on the Rise by the Philadelphia Business Journal
4.28.17

Vince Barbera Named Chair-Elect of the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division
1.10.17

White and Williams Represents Gust in Landmark Patent Troll Litigation
12.27.16

Congratulations 2016 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.18.16

Law Week 2016: Associates Volunteer for Legal Advice Live
5.3.16

Congratulations 2015 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.21.15

Associates Kick Off Law Week 2015 at Legal Advice Live
4.27.15

EVENTS

Coverage College 2022
10.13.22

Coverage College 2021
10.21.21

Introduction to Damages and the Use of Economic Experts
Philadelphia Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 6.7.17

PUBLICATIONS

FTC Releases Proposed Non-Compete Clause Rule
Labor and Employment Alert, 1.9.23

Real Problems with Virtual Jury Trials: The Shallowing of Jury Pools
Commercial Litigation Alert, 7.21.20

Timing is (Almost) Everything: PA Supreme Court Clarifies Enforceability of Restrictive Covenants Ancillary to Employment
Commercial Litigation Alert, 6.18.20

COVID-19 Fallout: Enforceability of Restrictive Covenants Against Furloughed and Laid Off Employees
Commercial Litigation Alert, 4.30.20

