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Services

Appellate Litigation
Class Action Defense
Complex Commercial Litigation
Litigation

Industries

Energy
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Media & Entertainment

Joe Dowdy has been a go-to litigation, trial practice, and appellate practice lawyer at two AmLaw 100 law firms. As part of a national practice, he has helped clients with sophisticated problems, both inside and outside of the courtroom, for over a decade.

Mr. Dowdy's experience includes a broad, general litigation practice involving class actions, commercial disputes and business torts, defense of consumer claims, financial services litigation, real property disputes, challenges to governmental action, and utilities litigation, including matters involving alternative energy providers and interconnection issues. His experience includes pretrial and trial work, as well as appellate advocacy, in state and federal court and in arbitrations.

Financial services companies frequently look to Mr. Dowdy to represent their interests in consumer and commercial litigation, in class action cases, and in responding to regulatory inquiries. He has extensive experience with litigation arising under the federal and state laws that govern the financial services industry, including laws concerning advertising, banking, lending disclosures, consumer protection (such as the TCPA) and loan origination, servicing, and collection.

Clients also ask Mr. Dowdy for risk mitigation and legal counseling outside of the litigation context. He advises executives and business owners regarding compliance issues, transactional matters, and negotiation strategy.

Mr. Dowdy is actively involved in the firm's pro bono work. His contributions include filing petitions for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of a whistleblower who uncovered Medicare fraud and homeless citizens being denied access to municipal services. He also submitted an influential amicus brief in the Massachusetts crime lab scandal case and has contributed briefing on other matters of public interest.



Mr. Dowdy holds an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating™ from Martindale-Hubbell®, a listing for Commercial Litigation in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2018, 2019 and 2020, and a designation as a North Carolina Rising Star from *Super Lawyers* from 2012 to 2018. He was a featured speaker at the fiftieth anniversary of the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the class speaker of thirtieth class of Leadership Raleigh. In 2014, Kilpatrick Townsend awarded him its “Embracing Our Values Award” for extraordinary pro bono and community service efforts. His prior firm awarded him its Renaissance Associate Award for extraordinary achievement in client service, training, pro bono, marketing, recruiting, and mentoring. He is a 2010 graduate of the prestigious Trial Academy of the International Association of Defense Counsel.

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Experience

Served as lead trial and appellate counsel for defendants in a class actions alleging, inter alia, violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, and other federal and state laws.

Assumed leadership, from another firm, of a large class action case and handled the case through verdict.

Resolved, on favorable terms, a significant class action case following judgment in favor of the class while the matter was pending on appeal.

Secured injunctive relief in multimillion-dollar renewable energy contract dispute.

Negotiated and litigated commercial disputes on behalf of the firm's real estate and energy clients.

Coordinated effective regional litigation strategy in sophisticated jurisdictions for large regional and national financial services companies.

Obtained favorable ruling enforcing arbitration clause and rejecting an opposing party's contention that the Bankruptcy Code preempts the Federal Arbitration Act.

Tried Fifth Amendment case for national telecommunications company following the forced relocation of telecommunications facilities by a large municipality.

Obtained favorable decisions from federal and state appellate courts in cases involving complex jurisdictional



issues, discovery, and substantive law.

Led representation of a special committee of a board of directors in a large interested party merger.

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, J.D. (2003) *with honors*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., Political Science (2000) *with distinction*

Admissions

North Carolina (2003)

West Virginia (2016)

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

North Carolina State, Federal, and Bankruptcy Courts

West Virginia State Courts and U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Southern District of West Virginia

Clerkships

North Carolina Court of Appeals - Honorable J. Douglas McCullough

Professional & Community Activities

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

DRI, Member, Class Action Steering Committee

North Carolina Bar Association, Member

West Virginia Bar Association, Member

American Bar Association, Member

Insights

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Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2020

August 15, 2019

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35 Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to the North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society
May 24, 2019

[Webinars](#)

Playing Your Cards Right – Using Basic Human Tendencies to Craft a More Effective Negotiation Strategy
December 13, 2018

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Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in The Best Lawyers in America® 2019
August 20, 2018

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Playing Your Cards Right - Using Basic Human Tendencies to Craft a More Effective Negotiation Strategy
July 17, 2018

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When to Hold 'Em: Using Basic Human Tendencies to Craft Having A More Effective Negotiation Strategy
May 10, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Joe Dowdy Quoted by The Recorder re: "9th Circuit, Citing 'Spokeo', Upholds Dismissal of Case Over Exposure of Credit Card Data"
February 23, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers
February 6, 2018

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7 Key Takeaways Bribery The Boardroom
November 29, 2017

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Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in The Best Lawyers in America® 2018
August 15, 2017



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The Future of Class Action Waivers in Financial Services Arbitration Clauses Remains Unclear

August 1, 2017

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What the Third Circuit's Decision in *Susinno* Means for Spokeo-Based Standing Arguments in TCPA Cases

July 31, 2017

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Joe Dowdy Quoted in *The National Law Journal* re: "Latest TCPA Decision Eases Path to Court for Consumers, Deepens Circuit Split."

July 12, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Joe Dowdy Quoted by *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* re: "New Law Boosts Appellate Rights of Class Action Defendants"

May 15, 2017

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North Carolina General Assembly Strengthens Appeal Rights for Defendants Who Receive Adverse Class Certification Decisions

May 5, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2017 North Carolina Super Lawyers

January 30, 2017

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What to Make of the Third and Seventh Circuit Dueling Spokeo Rulings in Recent Privacy Breach Class Actions

January 27, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Launches KT Class Action Blog

January 19, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report February 17-25, 2016
February 26, 2016

Events

Update on Consumer Financial Services
February 13, 2016

News Releases

Kilpatrick Townsends Joe Dowdy and Phillip Harris Featured Speakers at the Festival of Legal Learning
February 12, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsends Joe Dowdy and Phillip Harris Featured Speakers at the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys 2016 Winter Workshop
February 3, 2016

Events

Financial Services Litigation
January 29, 2016

News Releases

Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2016 North Carolina Super Lawyers
January 15, 2016

News Releases

Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2015 North Carolina Super Lawyers
January 28, 2015