

Commercial Litigation

FormanWatkins has handled a broad spectrum of commercial matters spanning from Louisiana to Pennsylvania. For example, the Firm has represented over 20 defendants in complex consumer finance litigation arising under federal and state law involving tens of thousands of plaintiffs in federal and state courts throughout Mississippi since the Firm's inception.

FormanWatkins has extensive experience in litigation prosecuted by the Mississippi Attorney General under the Mississippi Consumer Protection Act, including:

- Google Inc. v. Jim Hood, Attorney General of the State of Mississippi, No. 3:14cv981 (S.D. Miss.) (representing Google in an action seeking injunctive relief, stopping investigation and prosecution by Attorney General Hood in violation of federal law).
- The State of Mississippi, ex rel Jim Hood, Attorney General v. Transunion LLC, Transunion Corp., and Transunion Interactive, Inc., No. 2015-0716 (Jackson County, Mississippi Cir. Ct.)(defending Transunion in penalties and damages action).
- The State of Mississippi, ex rel Jim Hood, Attorney General v. The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC, Moody's Corporation and Moody's Investors Service, Inc., G 2011-835 S/2 (Hinds County, Miss. Chancery Ct.)(defended McGraw Hill in damages and penalties action by Attorney General).
- The State of Mississippi, ex rel Jim Hood, Attorney General v. AU Optronics Corporation, No. 3:11cv00345 (S.D. Miss.)(defended Hitachi in price-fixing litigation)
- Stacy Pickering, Auditor For The State Of Mississippi v. Langston Law Firm, P.A.; Joseph C. Langston; Lundy & Davis; And Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz, No. 2010-CA-00362 (Miss. 2012)(defended Langston in an effort by Mississippi Auditor to claw back attorney fees earned by private counsel in Attorney General litigation).
- Dale v. Colagiovanni, No. 3:01 CV 663BN (S.D. Miss.) (fraud litigation by insurance commissioner against Vatican bank)

Highlights of our commercial litigation experience include:

- Defense of an international corporation with respect to bodily injury, property damage, and civil penalties claims (exceeding \$250 million) in state and federal court actions, as well as a class action, in Mississippi and Louisiana. The Firm assisted in the negotiation of favorable settlement terms, implemented a class settlement, and defeated efforts by Louisiana state officials to reopen and extend the corporation's exposure.
- Representation of a national retailer in consumer financial services litigation spanning seven states, including matters arising under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"),

and state debt collection practices statutes.

- For over a decade, FormanWatkins served as general counsel to a national insulation and roofing manufacturer and defended building project defect claims throughout the country.
- We represented three professional medical organizations in the federal Orthopedic Bone Screw Litigation MDL in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We conceived and implemented a strategy to defend claims that the organizations promoted off-label use of medical devices in violation of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Our strategy resulted in more than 30 summary judgments for the organizations across the country, followed by plaintiffs' unconditional abandonment of their claims against the organizations.