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James T. (Tim) Shearin is chairman of the firm and former chair of the firm's Litigation Department. He has wide-ranging experience in federal and state courts at both the trial and appellate levels, and before arbitration and mediation panels. He uses that experience to resolve client problems as effectively and efficiently as possible, always with the client's end goal in sight. Because of this, clients turn to Tim when the stakes are critical and when their business is on the line. He represents clients in a wide variety of litigation matters: commercial and business, intellectual property, Internet piracy and computer crimes, banking, securities, antitrust, products liability and general civil litigation.

Tim has lectured and written on the following: the constitutionality of Connecticut's Prejudgment Remedy Statute, "ins and outs" of civil forfeitures, lender-liability law, federal discovery rules, implications of expert disclosure in federal court, limitations of technical advancements in the practice of law, rules and practices governing the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, the means by which to secure federal judgments, medical malpractice liability for HMOs, defense of covenant-not-to-compete cases, Markman hearings, the federal jurisdiction of national banks, federal court practice and procedure, uses of expert witnesses, settlement conferences and mediation in the federal courts, case management, the art of written and oral advocacy, Connecticut jurisprudence on e-commerce contracts of adhesion, litigation affecting the banking industry, and settlement of shareholder derivative actions.

Tim is also an American Arbitration Association-qualified arbitrator and frequently acts as a privately-retained mediator. He is profiled in *Financier Worldwide's 2016 Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution Handbook*.

Practice Areas

Litigation; Business Disputes; Intellectual Property Litigation; Securities and Antitrust Litigation; Banking; Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection; Professional Liability; White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations

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914.705.5355

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Experience

- Defense of multiple financial institutions in overdraft fees class action cases
- Obtained a \$23,000,000 verdict in an unfair competition and tortious interference case
- Defended large life insurance company in three ERISA cases securing the dismissal of two and denial of class certification in the third case
- Represented and secured the dismissal of two financial institutions in multi-billion interchange fee cases
- Defended company and individual in \$38,000,000 veil piercing and fraudulent transfer case
- Defended company against multi-million dollar claim of theft of software code
- Prosecuted and defended patent infringement, copyright, trademark and misappropriation of trade secrets cases
- Defended claims alleging unfair trade practices, Lanham Act violations and licensing abuses
- Defended company accused of \$9,000,000 worth of fraudulent Medicaid billing
- Arrested, attached and seized major shipping vessels and cargo pursuant to the prosecution of admiralty and maritime suits

Bar and Court Admissions

Connecticut

New York

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Clerkships

Law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Peter C. Dorsey, 1986 to 1988

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Education

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., high honors, 1986; administrative editor, *Connecticut Law Review*

University of Connecticut, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1983; Honors Scholar

Publications

"No poach" Indictment Serves as Reminder for Competitors
Hartford Business Journal, 04.05.2021

LIBOR No More: Transition Creates Challenges
CFO.com, 11.05.2020

The Courts' Changing View on Disclosure-only Settlement Agreements
Connecticut Lawyer, 10.01.2017

New Rules Will Improve Discovery Process: Amendments Change Way in Which Federal Courts Handle Objections
Connecticut Law Tribune, 12.28.2015

Fraudulent Checks Pose Real Risks for Banks
Fairfield County Business Journal, 11.08.2014

Connecticut Jurisprudence on E-Commerce Contracts of Adhesion: Page Not Found?
Connecticut Bar Journal, Winter 2014

The Importance of Upholding an Independent Judiciary
ctpost.com, 03.30.2012

Oral Advocacy in Connecticut's Courts
Connecticut Lawyer, 02.2011

Fix The System Through Early Intervention: Tools Already Exist to Reduce Cost and Time of Litigation
Connecticut Law Tribune, 03.29.2010

National Banks: Where does Diversity Jurisdiction Lie?
The Banking Law Journal, 01.2005

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Alerts and Newsletters

Are You a Hospital or Health Care System with No Poach Agreements?
03.25.2021

Competitor "No Poach Agreements" Can Lead to Criminal Prosecutions, Fines and Jail Time
01.12.2021

Broker Beware: As Volatile Market Customer Arbitrations Spike, Who is Looking Out for Your BrokerCheck®
Reporting Record?
05.26.2020

Professional Affiliations

American College of Trial Lawyers - Fellow

International Academy of Trial Lawyers - Fellow

Appointed by the Governor of Connecticut to the Judicial Compensation Commission (2012)

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court to the Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Advisory Panel (2009 - 2013)

Appointed co-counsel to the Federal Grievance Committee by the Judges of the U.S. District Court (1997 - 2003), and a member of the Magistrate Judge Reappointment Committee (2011-2013)

American Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association - Executive Committee, Federal Practice Section (former co-chairman); Executive Committee, Intellectual Property Section; Executive Committee, Antitrust Section; Financial Institutions Section; chairman, Federal Judiciary Committee; chairman, Fair and Impartial Courts Committee; chairman, CBA Nominating Committee (2013-2014); chairman, Audit Committee (2009-2013); Connecticut Bar Association House of Delegates (2006 - current)

Raymond Baldwin Inn of Court - benchler, former secretary and vice president

Connecticut Bar Foundation, Inc. - immediate past-president and fellow

Law Firm Alliance - former Executive Committee member

Connecticut Business & Industry Association - former board of directors

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Federal Circuit Bar Association

Federal Bar Council

Greater Bridgeport Bar Association - past president

Special Master in Federal Court

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Professionalism Committee - co-chair

Community Involvement

Connecticut Business and Industry Association - former director

American Red Cross - past director

Connecticut Legal Services Corp. - past chairman

Graduate, Bridgeport Regional Business Council's Leadership Program and a past member of its board of directors

University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc. - past president

University of Connecticut Law School Foundation, Inc. - past chairman

Weston Democratic Town Committee - past chairperson

Active in state and local politics

Honors & Recognitions

Named a Moffly Media Top Lawyer in Fairfield County, 2021 - Commercial Litigation

Honored with Career Service Award by Connecticut Bar Association, 2018

Inducted as a Fellow into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2016

Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award by Connecticut Law Tribune, 2015

Inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers, 2014

Listed in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers to Businesses* in the area of litigation: general commercial since 2004

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of litigation - securities, antitrust, banking and finance, intellectual property and commercial litigation since 2006; Listed in the area of "Bet-the-Company Litigation" since 2017

Named Stamford "Lawyer of the Year" in the Litigation - Intellectual Property category in 2019 by *The Best Lawyers in America*

Selected to the *Connecticut Super Lawyers* list since 2006 in the areas of business litigation, antitrust litigation and securities litigation; listed among the *Top 10 Connecticut Super Lawyers* 2011-2019 and among the *Top 50 Connecticut Super Lawyers* 2010 -2019, *New England Super Lawyers Top 100 Lawyers*, 2012 - 2019

Recognized among the top Connecticut litigation attorneys since 2011 in *Benchmark Litigation - The Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*; listed as a "Local Litigation Star"

James T. Shearin

Recipient of John Eldred Shields Professional Service Award from the Connecticut Bar Association, 2009, for outstanding service to the legal profession, the members of the CBA and the greater community

Recipient of the Raymond B. Green award from the District Court Judges, 2008, for outstanding contributions to the work of the Federal Grievance Committee

2014 recipient of Distinguished Graduate Award for the University of Connecticut School of Law

Received the highest peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell (AV)

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**For more about the standards for inclusion in Chambers USA, please see <http://www.chambersandpartners.com/>

***For more about the standards for inclusion in Connecticut Super Lawyers, please see www.superlawyers.com/connecticut/selection_details.html.

*****For more information about the standards for inclusion in Benchmark Litigation, go to www.benchmarklitigation.com.