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With a primary client base consisting of chemical and drug manufacturers, Grant Hollingsworth enjoys working at the intersection of legal analysis and scientific data. In this space, he excels at drilling down to the important elements of a matter quickly while making complex issues clear and understandable.

Recognizing there are many ways to win a case, Grant is deeply involved in developing case themes based on a detailed review of the key scientific data, as well as company documents and public media. He has a sharp understanding of how to leverage the intersection of those documents to obtain favorable testimony and prepare witnesses, as well as utilizing favorable testimony in designing arguments to win cases at the summary judgment, trial, and appellate levels. Before becoming a partner, Grant was the lead associate on several trial teams. He is often called upon by other trial teams to shepherd witnesses through the development of their trial direct examination, and preparation for trial cross-examination. Given his demonstrated abilities with witnesses, Grant is regularly deployed to take depositions of plaintiffs' experts, as well as fact witnesses.

In his sports law practice, Grant recently successfully represented a sports franchise in a contract dispute involving whether non-purchaser recipients of electronic tickets were bound to the terms and conditions, including a mandatory arbitration clause. A federal court of appeals agreed that technological advances should not upend established law that persons entering venues are bound by the terms and conditions of their tickets, even if they did not purchase the ticket or otherwise engage with the electronic platform necessary for downloading the ticket. *Naimoli v. Pro-Football, Inc.* 120 F.4th 380 (4th Cir. 2024).

Grant's areas of practice also include government investigations where he represented a client regarding investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General on potential fraudulent actions by a government official. He has represented clients under state and federal investigations for consumer fraud, including counseling the clients as to the best ways to navigate various laws and regulations in conducting their business going forward.

Grant also represents clients in employment law matters, including as first-chair at hearings in federal district court, defending a client against allegations of stolen proprietary information and defamation.

Before joining the firm, Grant clerked in the General Counsel's office at Norfolk Southern Corporation and has since helped represent the firm's railroad clients in environmental and toxic tort matters. Having attended the National Railroad Trial College, he is a member of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel.

Grant serves on the firm's Recruitment Committee and his pro bono practice has included representing the Friends of the National Arboretum ("FONA") in litigation involving sewage contamination of waterways within the property. An avid outdoorsman, Grant is often hunting and fishing on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Services

Complex Litigation
Environmental
Government Investigations, White Collar & Civil Defense
Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
Products Liability & Toxic Torts
Transportation

Education

Georgetown Law (J.D., 2012)
Brown University (B.A., 2008)

Admissions

District of Columbia
Maryland
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
United States District Court for the District of Maryland