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Charlie Morris is a business litigation attorney with Foley & Lardner LLP, where he represents companies and individuals in their most complex and high-stakes disputes. He has successfully litigated cases both locally and nationally involving Fortune 500 corporations, emerging businesses, large financial groups, and prominent executives across industries, guiding clients through matters with significant financial and reputational exposure.

Charlie has a proven record in the courtroom, having tried cases as both lead and co-counsel, and regularly represents clients before judges and juries in complex commercial disputes. His practice spans all stages of litigation, including pre-dispute strategy, dispositive motions, discovery, depositions, witness preparation, trial, and appeal. He has achieved favorable outcomes in a wide range of business disputes, including partnership and contract disputes, commercial real estate and construction litigation, fraud and fiduciary duty claims, and white-collar matters. Clients rely on Charlie for his strategic approach, command of complex issues, and ability to deliver efficient and effective results.

Before joining Foley, Charlie practiced at an international law firm in Salt Lake City. He began his legal career as a judicial extern for the Honorable David Sam of the United States District Court for the District of Utah.

Representative Experience

- Obtained dismissal on behalf of high-profile executive, for a lawsuit asserting breach of fiduciary duty and fraud seeking $225 million in damages.
- Successfully secured complete dismissal of lawsuit on behalf of client in a RICO action seeking nearly $15 million;
- Negotiated a favorable settlement on behalf of one of the nation’s largest solar providers in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.
- Obtained dismissal of all claims in San Francisco Superior Court on behalf of a large multi-family office client.

- Secured a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction in a pro bono matter on behalf of an international student against the Utah High School Activities Association, resulting in foreign students across Utah being permitted to participate in high school sports.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of a prominent private equity client in an action concerning a $3 million loan.
- Won summary judgment for a religious organization in a dispute regarding property development and construction rights.
- Successfully obtained temporary restraining order and permanent injunction in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to protect confidential trade secret information of a premier aerospace distributor.
- Secured a favorable settlement for client on the last day of a two-week trial, resolving all claims and protecting client's business.
- Secured significant trial victory for our client, a real estate investor, acting as note holder for a property that he sought to foreclose on. Won all contested motions in the case and secured judgment in the maximum amount sought by client, as well as a complete dismissal of all claims following a two-day bench trial.
- Negotiated the payment and release of claims on behalf of well-known Los Angeles-based entertainment client regarding her prior contract with a management agency. Conducted full investigation and successfully disputed all allegations of breach.
- Represented a government contractor in its federal contract appeal for the awarding of a defense contract. Appealed to the United States Government Accountability Office.
- Represented client in suit against the largest nonfungible tokens (NFTs) and cryptocurrency marketplaces.
- Successfully litigated claim against a private equity group, resulting in a favorable settlement for client and resolution of disputed funds at issue.
- Successfully represented a franchisee for a national property management company. Defended claims of underpayment and breach of contract, ultimately garnered favorable settlement resolving dispute and protecting client's long-term viability.
- Successfully obtained temporary restraining order to protect client's software and intellectual property, as well as highly sensitive client financial information.
- Successfully obtained complete dismissal of all claims and order compelling arbitration on behalf of a large cryptocurrency service provider in litigation filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.
- Successfully obtained temporary restraining order in Delaware Chancery Court to secure cryptocurrency mining equipment valued at more than $4 million on behalf of large cryptocurrency service provider.

Awards and Recognition

- University of Oregon School of Law Curriculum Committee (Dean Appointed Representative)

- Oregon Merit Scholarship Recipient; Nancy and Dave Petrone Business and Law Scholarship Recipient
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society Chapter President (University of Oregon)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2024-present)

Affiliations

- Member, Salt Lake County Bar Association

Languages

- Korean

Sectors

- Innovative Technology
- Sports & Entertainment

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation

Education

- University of Oregon School of Law (J.D.)
- Brigham Young University (B.A.)

Admissions

- Utah
- U.S. District Court, District of Utah
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit