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Philip Babler represents corporate directors and shareholders in high-stakes shareholder lawsuits. He litigates shareholder disputes involving public and private companies arising from transactions valued in the tens of billions of dollars. Philip's experience in shareholder disputes includes class actions arising under both state and federal law. Philip has particularly deep experience litigating class actions challenging merger transactions and proxy disclosures, litigating disputes involving closely held corporations, and responding to requests for corporate records and shareholder demand letters. He is a member of the firm's Securities Enforcement & Litigation Practice Group, as well as the firm's Appellate, Antitrust & Competition, and Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practices. He is also a member of the firm's Health Care & Life Sciences Sector.

Philip's practice also involves disputes arising under Delaware law. He has handled cases in the Delaware Court of Chancery, the Delaware Supreme Court, and the District of Delaware. Philip advises directors about their fiduciary duties and how to avoid shareholder lawsuits. Philip also litigates antitrust cases and counsels clients on how to avoid them. His antitrust practice focuses on the healthcare industry. He has successfully defended against antitrust claims brought by the FTC, DOJ, and private parties. Philip regularly provides antitrust advice regarding potential mergers, deceptive price advertising, and state deceptive trade practices acts.

Philip is a seasoned appellate litigator. He has successfully litigated appeals around the country in both state and federal court. Philip has argued before the Seventh Circuit and the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Before joining the firm, Philip served as a judicial law clerk for Justice David T. Prosser, Jr. of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Representative Experience

- *Smykla v. Molinaroli*, aff'd 85 F.4th 1228 (7th Cir. 2023)

Awards and Recognition

- Received, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch recognition for:
 - Commercial Litigation (2022-2024)
 - Appellate Practice (2023-2024)
 - Antitrust Law (2024)

Affiliations

- Member, Board of Directors of Lighthouse Youth Center Foundation
- Member, Friends of the Haggerty Museum of Art Board

Sectors

- [Health Care & Life Sciences](#)
- [Racial Justice & Equity](#)

Practice Areas

- [Antitrust & Competition](#)
- [Appellate](#)
- [Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Litigation](#)
- [Securities Enforcement & Litigation](#)
- [Transactions](#)

Education

- Marquette University Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 2011)
 - Editor and member, *Marquette Law Review*
 - Student editor, *FDCC Quarterly*
- Marquette University (B.A., magna cum laude, 2007)
 - Major: Political Science, French and literature

Admissions

- State of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin