

# **Andrew J. Wronski**Partner

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Andrew J. Wronski is a trial lawyer and business counsellor with more than 30 years of experience helping clients to confront complex disputes that disrupt business, cause stress, and generate commercial and financial uncertainty. He is the managing partner of the firm's Milwaukee office, chair of the firm's Manufacturing Sector, and former vice chair of the firm's Litigation Department.

Andy is highly skilled in assessing and managing risk by proposing creative, practical, and cost-effective dispute resolution strategies. Where business resolutions prove elusive, he pursues the client's legal, business, and strategic goals in the courtroom. He places equal emphasis on proactive, front-end counseling and risk mitigation.

## **High Stakes Litigation for Manufacturers**

Andy primarily focuses his practice on complex litigation and trial work, representing corporate clients in sophisticated, high-stakes commercial and financial disputes. In particular, Andy represents manufacturing clients across the country in all manner of complex contractual and supply-chain disputes, M&A litigation (including purchase-price and working capital adjustments), claims under the Uniform Commercial Code, distribution and contract manufacturing agreement disputes, competition issues, and trade secret claims. Andy also helps manufacturers navigate the complex issues of commercial and financial fraud, including claims asserted under the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and shareholder actions (particularly in the M&A context).

Andy works with manufacturers across the country. He regularly litigates, tries, and arbitrates cases in many jurisdictions, including New York, Delaware, and Texas. Having practiced in the State of Wisconsin for 30 years, Andy is uniquely positioned to assist clients with issues and disputes in the state and has extensive litigation and trial experience in Wisconsin state and federal courts. In addition, Andy is a former president and director of the Milwaukee Bar Association and an active member of the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar

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Association and the Seventh Circuit Bar Association.

#### Trial Team

Andy, a senior member of the Trial Team, has served as trial counsel in a wide of variety of commercial matters over his 30-year career, successfully trying jury cases in federal and state courts while representing plaintiffs and defendants alike. He employs extensive jury research and mock trial tools to refine key trial themes and maximize his personal connection with jurors. Andy's everyman style makes him equally comfortable and effective as the plaintiff's first chair, reflected in a \$1 million punitive damages award won in 2023 for an individual client in Wisconsin state court and a \$17.4 million RICO verdict secured for a major financial institution in federal court, or the defendant's first chair, as shown by complete defense verdicts in a \$20 million state law distribution dispute. Andy also has extensive experience trying bench trials and arbitration cases, including many successful Major League Baseball salary arbitration matters. In "The Unique Game of Baseball Arbitration," Andy detailed how he brings key tactics developed in successfully trying these unique disputes to bear when trying cases in a traditional courtroom. Whatever the venue, an intent focus on thematic presentation, effective storytelling, simple and plain-spoken terminology, and the confidence to "pick his battles" and focus on winning issues has brought Andy great success in establishing himself as the "truth-teller" in the courtroom and has earned him invaluable credibility with judges and juries, leading to winning verdicts.

### **Sports Industry Counseling and Litigation**

Andy often brings his litigation, counseling, and trial experience to bear in matters involving professional and collegiate athletics as a member of the firm's Sports Industry Team (2015 *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*® "Best Law Firms" nationally ranked Tier 1 practice). His sports litigation experience includes matters involving collegiate conference realignment, professional franchise relocation, sponsorship disputes, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Major League Baseball player salary arbitration.

He has developed significant experience with respect to the legal and business issues confronting professional sports organizations, and he counsels sports industry clients, including the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, on a wide variety of legal matters, including facility and ancillary development, franchise acquisition, regulatory compliance, sponsorship and naming rights agreements, ticketing issues, concession and other partnerships, and media rights.

## **Awards and Recognition**

- Names to Forbes' 2025 America's Best-In-State Lawyers (Commercial Litigation Wisconsin)
- Selected by BizTimesMedia Wisconsin 275 Most Influential Business Leader (December 2024)
- Named to BizTimes Milwaukee's 2024 Class of Notable Leaders in Law (May 2024)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business
  - Litigation: General Commercial (2021-2025)
- The Best Lawyers in America® in the fields of:

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- Bet-the-Company Litigation (2022-2024)
- Commercial Litigation (2013-2024)
- Litigation Banking and Finance (2013-2023)
- Litigation Bankruptcy (2013-2023)
- Best Lawyers® Litigation Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year" in Milwaukee (2020, 2024)
- Benchmark Litigation, "Future Litigation Star" (2018)
- Milwaukee Business Journal's "40 Under 40" (2009)
- BTI Client Service All-Star (2024)

#### **Presentations and Publications**

 Quoted, "Tariff-ied of the future? Milwaukee-area manufacturers benefited from Biden policies. What about Trump's?" Milwaukee Business Journal (January 17, 2025)

#### Sectors

- Manufacturing
- Sports & Entertainment

#### **Practice Areas**

- Commercial Litigation
- Financial Institutions
- Litigation

#### **Education**

- University of Minnesota (J.D., summa cum laude, 1994)
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  - Articles Editor, Minnesota Law Review
- Marquette University (B.A., magna cum laude, 1991)
  - Phi Beta Kappa

#### **Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Supreme Court

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