

APPELLATE

Since its founding, Williams & Connolly LLP has been regarded as one of the nation's leading firms for Supreme Court and appellate litigation. The firm's founder, Edward Bennett Williams, argued thirteen times before the Supreme Court, including in some of the most important criminal defense cases of his era.

Since then, the firm's reputation for appellate litigation has continued to grow. The *National Law Journal* recently selected Williams & Connolly for its 2010 "Appellate Hot List," a list of 20 law firms that made significant contributions in the area of appellate litigation in the past year. Currently, the firm's ranks include eighteen former Supreme Court clerks and well over 100 former clerks from all thirteen federal courts of appeals. In addition, *The Am Law Daily* recently described Williams & Connolly as a "feeder firm" for Supreme Court clerkships; four of the firm's former associates or summer associates are clerking at the Court this term, and five more have already been hired to clerk next term.

Williams & Connolly lawyers argue regularly in the Supreme Court; twelve of the firm's attorneys have argued before the Supreme Court, and six have done so multiple times. In 2009, Williams & Connolly presented oral argument before the Supreme Court in two cases: *Merck v. Reynolds*, which concerned the statute of limitations for private securities-fraud actions, and *Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs*, which involved a challenge to an injunction barring the State of Hawaii from selling public lands held in trust for Native Hawaiians.

Williams & Connolly lawyers also appear regularly in federal and state appellate courts nationwide. In 2009, the firm successfully defended a company in the Ninth Circuit against a claim that it was liable for \$120 million for short-swing trading in the shares of another company under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act. The firm also successfully represented a government contractor in the District of Columbia Circuit in its defense against claims for alleged torts of its employees committed while they were working under the control of the military in Iraq. And the firm prevailed in an appeal to the Federal Circuit affirming the removal of certain researchers as co-inventors from a patent for stem cell technology.

Finally, Williams & Connolly has an active pro bono practice at all levels of the appellate system. In 2009, the firm served as co-counsel before the Supreme Court in *District Attorney's Office v.*

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Osborne, which presented the question of whether a convict has a constitutional right of access to evidence for purposes of DNA testing that could prove his innocence. And attorneys from the firm routinely present oral argument in the Maryland appellate courts through the firm's relationship with the Maryland Public Defender's Office.