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State litigation stars

Blue indicates a CHANGED FIRM.

Green indicates a NEW ADDITION TO THE STARS LIST.

Purple indicates firms that are exclusively PLAINTIFF.

Orange indicates future stars that have been PROMOTED TO STARS.

Name	Firm	Location	Biography	Antitrust	Appellate	Bankruptcy	General commercial	Insurance	Intellectual property	International arbitration	Product liability	Securities	White-collar crime/enforcement/investigations	Other
Dane Butswinkas	Williams & Connolly	Washington, DC				✓			✓		✓			
Heidi Hubbard	Williams & Connolly	Washington, DC		✓		✓			✓					
Brendan Sullivan	Williams & Connolly	Washington, DC				✓								
Robert Van Kirk	Williams & Connolly	Washington, DC		✓		✓	✓			✓				

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Washington, DC is another market well stocked with trial talent, and in this market Williams & Connolly – called “the Rolls-Royce of firms” – is positively brimming with namechecked trial lawyers. “So many Williams & Connolly people are respected trial lawyers that it’s really hard to choose who should make your list without making it look like the list is unbalanced in their favor,” confides one DC competitor. “They have also been hugely successful at grooming younger partners to be up to

snuff with the older heavy hitters.” The celebrated trial acumen of **Dane Butswinkas** was on full display when he, as lead trial counsel for AstraZeneca, scored a landmark antitrust win in a class action case alleging that the client, along with certain generic pharmaceutical companies, violated federal and state antitrust laws when they settled Hatch-Waxman patent cases that AstraZeneca had brought to enforce its patents for Nexium, a proton-pump inhibitor with annual sales in the

billions of dollars. The case was tried before a Massachusetts federal jury starting in October 2014 and in December, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the client. In the product liability capacity, another widely championed trial lawyer, **Heidi Hubbard**, scored an August 2014 jury trial victory for Pfizer involving the drug Pondimin (part of the fen/phen combination, sold under Wyeth before it became a Pfizer entity), which was alleged to cause primary pulmonary hypertension injury. The jury sided with Pfizer/Wyeth that the warning accompanying the drug was adequate in alerting consumers of its potential side effect risks. **Robert Van Kirk** is the recipient of a vibrant level of praise as well. “Bob Van Kirk exudes a laid-back, youthful vibe and that seems more typical of an eager associate rather than a trial bulldog, and some of his opponents have been foolish enough to assume this, only to get totally tripped up when they’re against him in court and they realize they’re up against a tenacious fighter who really knows his stuff.”

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