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Williams & Connolly offices in Washington, D.C.

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Describe your firm's approach to litigation and your strategy for building successful teams for trials or other matters.

We zealously and creatively attack each case with a singular focus on the client's goals, we tailor our trial teams to fit each client and case, and we mentor and train our home-grown lawyers to be the best in our profession.

Discuss the two biggest litigation cases your firm worked aon in 2025 and how you reached successful outcomes.

Our representation of Genentech in a nine-figure breach of contract case against Biogen was a highlight, particularly given the fact that the parties agreed to submit the matter to the district court for decision after the jury deadlocked. Ultimately, the court granted our client a complete victory.

Additionally, we are proud to have secured a history-making settlement for our client Genevant in its bet-the-company patent infringement litigation against Moderna.

What are the most challenging and satisfying aspects of your work in litigation?

Working as a team to serve our clients by devising and executing creative strategies to solve their most complex legal problems.

What is the most important piece of advice you'd share with young lawyers?

Prepare, prepare, prepare, and think creatively with your clients and teammates to spot potential problems and identify solutions. Then look for opportunities to take a leadership role on even a small piece of a case.

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