



Five Benefits of Working with a Commercial Litigation Attorney

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Commercial litigation attorneys specialize in resolving legal disputes related to the business world, including contracts, business relationships between individuals and other companies, and a variety of other matters. In some instances, commercial litigation attorneys specialize in certain fields within commercial litigation. Issues a commercial litigation attorney might handle include legal disputes related to:

- ✓ Business partnerships
- ✓ Shareholder disputes
- ✓ Sales of merchandise or services
- ✓ Construction and real estate disputes
- ✓ Licensing issues
- ✓ Employee grievances and disputes



Working with a commercial litigation attorney might seem unnecessary, but for many businesses, it is the smartest move they make. Despite the added expense of working with an attorney, in the long run the relationship can actually save you quite a bit of money and frustration.

Finding a commercial litigation attorney that is right for your situation can take a bit of time, but in the long run it will serve you well. A relationship with a reliable attorney provides a number of benefits, including:

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IMPROVED OUTCOMES

Experienced attorneys have access to resources and a wealth of knowledge that comes in handy for settling your disputes. Preparation is one of the most important aspects of litigation, both in and out of the courtroom. Not only must an attorney prepare for trial, he or she must also be ready to deal with issues that might arise throughout the entire process. Experienced litigators spend a great deal of time on each case taking depositions, interviewing witnesses, reviewing documents, writing briefs, and visiting dispute sites. All of this results in a greater likelihood your case will be settled in your favor.



Though your commercial dispute might seem relatively simple to solve, things can develop into a complicated mess in no time at all. A commercial litigation attorney is prepared to handle any emergencies or unexpected situations that might arise from the beginning through the end of the process.



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DECISION-MAKING SUPPORT

There are instances when taking your dispute into the courtroom will not be in your best interest. Determining whether or not this is the case can be a frustrating decision, but it is one that is made easier with the assistance of an experienced attorney. You need to decide what is best for your business or specific situation and base that decision not only on the outcome you desire, but also what you anticipate the opposition might do. A commercial litigation attorney is able to assess your circumstances and make a sound judgment about how to proceed, based on his or her previous experience and knowledge of the law. He or she can help you conduct a thorough risk analysis and review all of the options that are available in your case.

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IMPROVED STANDING IN NEGOTIATIONS



A commercial litigation attorney assists you in negotiating the best out-of-court settlement possible. Never assume that not going to court means not needing the assistance of an attorney! Proper negotiation requires preparation and the ability to stand strong during the act of negotiating. In some cases, having an attorney represent you during an out-of-court settlement will be even more important than during a trial because there is no judge making a final decision. Not only is your attorney able to build for you a strong case, he or she can also advise you on when to settle.

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LEGAL EFFICIENCY

There is a lot of red tape in the legal world. Settling a dispute can take a great deal of time and effort – which is something you likely do not have if you are running a business. Working with an experienced commercial litigation attorney allows you to shift the burden to someone else and focus on what is most important – maintaining and growing your business.

Legal disputes can be extremely disruptive to a business, but when you have an attorney helping you through the process, the effect is minor. The longer and more complicated a legal dispute becomes, the more money it costs your company. It drains your resources and can affect the morale of your company. A commercial litigation attorney is able to handle legal matters efficiently and avoid the secondary problems that often arise from commercial disputes.



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UP-TO-DATE LEGAL KNOWLEDGE



Laws are constantly changing and staying abreast of new developments can feel like a full-time job. A commercial litigation attorney's primary responsibility is to understand the most up-to-date information regarding the law. He or she is not only familiar with the federal, state, and local laws that affect your business, but also the changes made to these laws that could affect you when a dispute arises. It could take weeks or months for you to gather all of the information and gain the knowledge you need to build

a strong case in your favor. An attorney spends his or her time focused on learning the information necessary, so he or she can be a valuable asset to you when you are faced with a legal issue.

Do you own a business? Would you benefit from working with a commercial litigation attorney? Michael Unger can help.

*Mike is an experienced commercial litigation attorney that has been working with clients throughout Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas since 2004. He is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law and became a certified mediator in 2012. Whether your legal issues require you to prepare for and litigate a matter in the courtroom or you need assistance without out-of-court negotiations, Mike can help. To learn more or to schedule a consultation, contact him at **903.280.7831** or by email at mike@mikeungerlaw.com.*

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