



In my work as a litigator and as a firm leader, I have learned that the key to building trust and relationships is to listen thoughtfully and put those insights into action.

overview

Roman Wuller is the former chair of Thompson Coburn and a litigator who represents major corporations in high-stakes litigation across the country.

Roman has litigated class actions in 32 states, including substantial experience coordinating multi-district litigation. He has argued more than 35 class certification hearings and participated in 300 class actions. He is a former chair of the firm's litigation department.

Roman listens carefully to clients and tailors his litigation approach to their specific needs, whether they require an aggressive trial strategy or a creative settlement that aligns with their company's business priorities. In either scenario, he draws on his extensive knowledge of the client's business to determine the best approach. As one client remarked to Best Lawyers, "He understands our business better than many employees. You will be impressed."

Roman has particular experience representing clients in the telecommunications and energy sectors, including coal companies. A portion of his practice involves arbitration or some form of alternative dispute resolution, and he has tried complex arbitrations for major corporations in high-value cases involving potential awards of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Roman has been a part of firm management for more than 20 years. Since 2012, he has served on the seven-member Executive Committee. He was the founding chair of Thompson Coburn's Diversity Committee and has mentored and coached associates for decades.

experience

- Roman successfully argued a significant class action case at the federal district court level and before the Eighth Circuit on behalf of a major telecommunications company. Law360 described the 2016 Eighth Circuit ruling as "the first published appellate opinion to apply the principles articulated by the high court in *Spokeo* to the issue of Article III standing." The ruling gave a significant boost to the defense bar's efforts to use the U.S. Supreme Court's *Spokeo* decision to cut down suits

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University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1986
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over bare statutory violations, while lending clarity at the trial court level about how the high court ruling should be applied.

- Roman represented a national wireless telecommunications provider in the settlement of 57 class action suits filed across the country over its assessment of state and local sales taxes on Internet access. Plaintiffs alleged that the company violated the Internet Tax Freedom Act that prohibits states and localities from taxing access to the Internet. Roman took the lead in negotiating and drafting a global settlement that resolved claims worth nearly \$1 billion in damages.
- Roman successfully defended a leading global banking institution against a putative class action filed by one of its credit card holders alleging the company imposed illegal penalties and violated the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (MMPA).
- In enacting the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, lawmakers cited two cases where Roman secured highly favorable settlements for clients as textbook examples of settlements that were “too favorable” for defendants.
- Roman has successfully served for many years as lead counsel to Peabody Energy, the world’s largest coal company, on its large-dollar commercial disputes. Included was a 30-year supply agreement between Peabody Energy and a consortium of Western U.S. utilities, under which the parties could renegotiate certain contractual pricing mechanisms every five years. Disputes were to be resolved before a panel of arbitrators. The utilities rejected Peabody’s offer of a price reduction and sought to recover \$130 million in overpayments for four years. Peabody countered with a claim that the pricing factors should produce a price increase for those four years. Roman successfully argued and obtained from the arbitration panel a ruling that resulted in the utilities owing Peabody approximately \$30 million and all overpayment allegations being rejected.

affiliations

- American Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association

recognitions

- Listed in Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters), 2005-2006; 2008-2016; 2018-2021
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (by BL Rankings), 2013-2025
- Listed in "Chambers USA" for Litigation: General Commercial in Missouri; St. Louis & Surrounds, 2012-2024 (by Chambers & Partners)