

Federal & Commercial Division Litigation

Delivering Results in Westchester's Federal and Commercial Division Courts

As the premier litigation firm in Westchester County, Yankwitt LLP utilizes sophisticated legal strategies and deep local experience to advocate for its clients in both federal and state courts throughout New York. Our attorneys are courtroom-tested, results-driven, and focused on achieving efficient, effective outcomes for businesses and individuals facing complex legal disputes.

Litigation Strength Backed by Federal and State Court Experience

Yankwitt LLP's team of highly experienced [litigation attorneys](#) includes many former federal prosecutors and attorneys who trained at top AmLaw100 firms, as well as former law clerks for sitting federal judges in the White Plains courthouse of the Southern District of New York and New York State's Commercial Division. This breadth of experience gives us a strong presence and respected reputation in courts just steps from our office.

Based in White Plains, Yankwitt LLP represents clients throughout New York, including Westchester, Rockland, the Hudson Valley, Long Island and New York City. Our attorneys are admitted to practice in state and federal trial and appellate courts and have successfully argued appeals in circuit courts across the country.

Powerful Advocates in Westchester's Commercial Division

When business litigation is best filed in New York state courts, the Supreme Court's Commercial Division is the judicial forum of choice for high-value and complex commercial matters. At Yankwitt LLP, our team of seasoned litigators regularly brings and defends Commercial Division cases across New York City and the Lower Hudson Valley, with a particular emphasis on Commercial Division litigation filed in the Westchester County Supreme Court.

Our office is located just steps away from the courthouse, providing our attorneys with convenient, easy access. The Westchester Commercial Division is presided over by two highly experienced, commercially sophisticated jurists: Justices Linda Jamieson and Gretchen Walsh. Their extensive experience and understanding of business law make the Westchester Commercial Division a trusted and sophisticated venue for resolving a wide range of business disputes.

Common Types of Cases on the Court's Docket

The court's docket is active and diverse, with more than 100 cases filed each year involving:

- [Contract disputes](#)

- [Partnership and shareholder litigation](#)
- [Restrictive covenant and other employment-related matters](#)
- Business torts, and other significant [commercial claims](#).

Efficient Case Management in the Commercial Division

Yankwitt LLP attorneys are deeply familiar with the Commercial Division’s unique rules and procedures, including those governing disclosure obligations, motion practice and settlement efforts. We develop case strategies that efficiently align with these procedural rules while aggressively protecting our clients’ business interests. This procedural fluency allows us to move cases forward with purpose, reduce unnecessary delays, and position our clients for success at every stage of litigation.

The stakes in Commercial Division litigation are the highest in the state court system, involving large damages claims, reputational risks, and complex legal questions. Yankwitt LLP attorneys understand what is on the line and bring the full force of our legal knowledge, business acumen, and “Yankwitt Tough” mentality to every engagement.

Unmatched Experience in Federal Court Litigation in Westchester

Yankwitt LLP brings unmatched experience and insight to federal litigation in White Plains. Our attorneys have clerked for many of the federal judges who preside over cases in the White Plains courthouse, giving us firsthand knowledge of how those judges assess and decide matters. Many of our New York partners are former Assistant U.S. Attorneys who have litigated under the Federal Rules for years. They have developed the kind of personal knowledge that only comes from working inside the system.

As aggressive, experienced trial attorneys, we are not only strong legal strategists but also tenacious advocates in the courtroom. We bring a practical, results-oriented mindset to every case, whether it is positioned for early resolution or moving toward trial. Our attorneys are known for their rigorous preparation, persuasive oral and written advocacy, and the ability to adapt strategies in real time based on courtroom dynamics. That level of preparation and flexibility allows us to respond to changing circumstances without ever losing sight of the overall goal: achieving the [best outcome for our clients](#).

Our attorneys stay current on key decisions from the county’s federal and state courts, publishing our quarterly newsletter – the Westchester County Roundup. Russell Yankwitt, the firm’s founder, is a longtime member of the Federal Bar Council (FBC) and currently serves on the Executive Board as the President-Elect and chairs its Westchester Committee – which he established in 2008. Through this role, he regularly invites federal judges into our office to speak directly with the FBC membership, creating a forum for open dialogue and continued learning.

At Yankwitt LLP, our deep ties to the federal judiciary, combined with our trial-tested experience and strategic thinking, give our clients a powerful advantage in litigation.