

Shareholder Disputes

Yankwitt LLP represents corporations, LLCs, partnerships and their constituent members in shareholder derivative litigation and business divorces. These shareholder and partnership disputes may involve multiple competing claims over ownership rights, business control, breach of fiduciary duty and mismanagement.

At Yankwitt LLP, our shareholder dispute attorneys represent corporate entities and individual stakeholders in matters that often arise between family members or long-time friends and can be extremely personal and contentious. We understand the intense strain created by these conflicts and invest tremendous resources into building close, trusting relationships with our clients that will see them through such difficult times. We take the time to understand their concerns and develop clear, practical litigation strategies focused on achieving their business goals.

Creative Solutions to Complex Shareholder Disputes & Litigation

Shareholder disputes are characteristically complex, requiring the simultaneous application of [contract law](#), fraud and tort claims, and equitable relief. For example, a dispute over a minority shareholder's forced buyout may involve allegations of breach of a shareholder agreement (contract law), claims of self-dealing or diversion of assets (fraud or fiduciary duty), and requests for injunctive relief or court-ordered valuation (equitable remedies). Our litigators draw on years of experience at leading New York City law firms, as federal prosecutors and as federal law clerks, to develop creative, outcome-driven strategies that help clients resolve shareholder disputes on their own terms. We frequently pursue [alternative dispute resolution methods](#), securing key victories in court-sanctioned settlement conferences, mediations, and binding arbitration.

If a settlement is not possible, we will enthusiastically take cases to trial. We routinely try more cases than almost every other law firm in Westchester County. We appear before federal and state courts throughout New York, including Westchester and the entire Hudson Valley, such as the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (White Plains Division), Westchester County Supreme Court in White Plains and the New York State Commercial Division (in White Plains), government agencies and arbitral tribunals.

Because of our strong track record in shareholder disputes, we achieve favorable results while controlling costs and minimizing unnecessary litigation. Yankwitt LLP staffs each shareholder dispute matter leanly with one senior attorney through summary judgment and two at trial. We focus on targeted and streamlined discovery practices, with an emphasis on dispositive motion practice and a constant eye toward achieving the resolution that is in the client's best interest.