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We emphasize collaborating with trial counsel, whether at Steptoe or other firms, while offering clear-eyed evaluations of the merits, potential strategies, and client prospects.
Representative Matters

- From 2015 to 2017, in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, and Texas appeals, established that the National Labor Relations Act does not preempt state courts from issuing injunctions against trespasses and nuisances by an international union and allied groups in hundreds of a leading national retailer's stores, parking lots, and sidewalks.
- *Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co. v. National Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa.* (5th Cir. 2016). Successfully defended an insurer under a commercial crime policy against a claim for alleged employee forgery of customer letters of credit.
- *Earl v. eBay, Inc.* (9th Cir. 2015). Represented The Internet Association as *amicus curiae* before the Ninth Circuit, establishing that an Internet website was not a "place of public accommodation" for purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- *CCI Europe, Inc. v. Arizona Department of Revenue* (Ariz. App. 2015). Represented a licensor of newspaper production software in establishing that the software qualified for the state machinery-and-equipment transaction privilege tax exemption.
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