

BLANKROME

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CHAIR AND MANAGING PARTNER

Leadership

Grant S. Palmer serves as Blank Rome's firm-wide Chair and Managing Partner. In this role, Grant oversees the firm's strategic initiatives, with a strong focus on developing and promoting Blank Rome's commitment to client service, diversity and inclusion, strategic growth, pro bono and community service, innovation, and fostering a culture of collaboration and teamwork.

Drawing upon his life-long commitment to supporting the community and ensuring that everyone has equal access to legal representation, Grant founded and then chaired the firm's Pro Bono Committee for 18 years and was involved in the implementation of mandatory pro bono requirements in 2014, which resulted in record-breaking participation and hours.

Practice

Grant previously served as firm-wide Litigation Department Chair and is a nationally recognized litigator with significant trial experience in state and federal courts throughout the country. He is fiercely competitive when it comes to protecting his clients' rights and interests. Business clients have turned to Grant for more than 30 years when they need a strategically aggressive litigator who will prevail at trial while providing sound and pragmatic business advice.

Grant has vast experience in a wide range of areas, including class actions, cybersecurity, corporate and shareholder litigation, employment, restrictive

covenants, patent and intellectual property, fraud, unfair trade practices, personal injury, products liability, trade secrets, and many others.

Select Engagements

- A defense contractor who was victim of largest criminal fraud in history of Pennsylvania concerning enforcement of judgment and recovery of assets and funds throughout the world.
- A food manufacturer, in dispute involving control of the voting shares of the company; obtained trial victory and favorable rulings from Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on two separate occasions.
- A travel company, in multimillion dollar Unfair Trade Practices/Consumer Protection Act lawsuit; obtained summary judgment on behalf of client and prevailed on appeal before the Supreme Court of California.
- A financial institution, in lender liability lawsuit alleging millions of dollars in damages; obtained complete defense verdict at trial.
- A staffing and financial services company, in action involving non-competition agreement; obtained injunction and monetary damages.
- A bank, in large class action defending RICO claims based on alleged telemarketing fraud conducted by Bank's customers.
- A patent holder, in prosecution of software patents which resulted in recoveries exceeding \$25 million.
- A death row inmate, in post-conviction proceedings resulting in client's death penalty being reversed.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Bucknell University Alumni Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Foundation
- Philadelphia VIP Program
- Diversity Law Institute
- Trial Law Institute
- Pennsylvania Innocence Project

Education

- Bucknell University, BA, cum laude
- University of Pennsylvania Law School, JD

Recognitions

- Litigation: General Commercial Law, listed in *Chambers USA*
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Barrister, Order of Centurions, and Advocate, Order of Certus, by the Litigation Counsel of America
- AV-Preeminent®, listed by Martindale-Hubbell
- 2024, Commercial Litigation, Philadelphia, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*©
- 2023, Professional Excellence Awards: “Distinguished Leader,” by *The Legal Intelligencer*
- 2021–2024, “Local Litigation Star,” listed in *Benchmark Litigation*
- 2019–2020, 2022–2024, “Top 500 Leading Litigators in America,” listed in *Lawdragon*
- 2014–2024, “Pennsylvania *Super Lawyer*” in Business Litigation

Professional Activities

Grant serves on the Board of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and the Board of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. He is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Michael K. Smith Excellence in Service Award for devotion of time and energy to public service activities. Grant regularly volunteers with numerous legal services organizations dedicated to providing equal access to the legal system for those in need. He is a past chair of the Federal Courts Committee for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.