David Bright

Associate – New York

David Bright focuses on negotiating and litigating complex commercial, shareholder, and contract disputes, and has significant experience in white collar and regulatory defense, investigations, and anti-corruption compliance. With a diverse, multidisciplinary background in both business and law, his cases frequently involve disputes with complicated fact patterns that demand a particularly strategic and/or innovative approach, and require a sensitivity to business considerations and interpersonal conflicts. Mr. Bright is an aggressive advocate who has represented public and private companies, private equity groups, sellers of large assets, and individuals including board members, company executives, and brokers/dealers. His clients span multiple industries and typically include cannabis organizations, media conglomerates, technology firms, financial institutions, pharmaceutical companies, and cryptocurrency and blockchain ventures.

Mr. Bright has litigated cases in the state and federal courts of New York, California, and Delaware, and has represented clients in FCPA, anti-corruption compliance, and internal investigations across Asia, South America, and Europe. During law school, David also served as a member of the prosecutorial trial team at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda where he helped secure the conviction of Augustin Ngirabatware on the charges of genocide and crimes against humanity.

A graduate of Harvard University, Mr. Bright received his J.D. from Columbia Law School where he was a James Kent Scholar and his M.B.A. from Trinity College Dublin where he graduated at the top of his class.

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Education

Columbia Law School
J.D.
Honors: James Kent Scholar

Trinity College Dublin
MBA.

Harvard University
B.A. *cum laude*
Major: Political Science

Bar Admission

Massachusetts
New York

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals - 2nd Circuit
U.S. District Court - Southern District of NY
U.S. District Court - Eastern District of NY

Notable Representations

- **Represented** a major cannabis MSO in a significant trade secret dispute with its manufacturer.
- **Represented** a Fortune 500 media conglomerate in an antitrust suit alleging the unlawful tying of channel licensing.
- **Counsel** to the D&Os of a major technology company in a breach of fiduciary duty action brought in connection with a $425+ million acquisition.
- **Represented** the shareholder of a major cannabis company in a dispute with other shareholders concerning assets valued in the hundreds of millions.
- **Counsel** to the CEO of a renewable energy company in a SEC investigation alleging securities fraud.
- **Counsel** to a RMBS trader from a major multinational investment bank in a SEC investigation alleging securities fraud.
- **Represented** a blockchain client in the $20 million acquisition of a mining facility.
- **Counsel** to a to a Liquidation Trustee in a $40+ million adversary proceeding against a regional telcom provider.
- **Represented** a Fortune 200 pharmaceutical company facing multiple allegations of FCPA, fraud, corruption, and bribery violations in China, Europe, and South America.
- **Advised** various technology and healthcare companies on anti-corruption and FCPA compliance policies in connection with entering new markets in Asia, Africa, and South America.
- **Counsel** to the Creditor's Committee in the ~ $2 billion bankruptcy of a major retailer.
- **Counsel** to a major steel corporation in the federal appeal of a $10 million arbitration decision to the 2nd Circuit.
- **Represented** a major state university as insurance counsel in a class action suit alleging sexual misconduct.
- Class action **counsel** in a civil rights lawsuit brought against the city of New York.
- **Counsel** to a major corporation in a pesticide liability class action.
- **Counsel** to a Fortune 200 multinational investment bank against investigations and inquiries from various financial regulators (e.g. FINRA, CFTC, etc).