

## Eric Silvestri

### PARTNER

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Eric Silvestri is a partner in Chapman's Banking and Financial Services Department and a member of the Litigation Group. He has experience representing creditors and financial institutions in a variety of complex commercial litigation matters in connection with fiduciary duties, secured transactions, lender liability disputes, and commercial contracts under the Uniform Commercial Code. He has also represented creditors in workouts, commercial foreclosure proceedings, as well disputes arising out of sophisticated transactions such as leveraged buyouts and bond issuances.

Eric has also worked on a number of intellectual property matters, including representation of domestic and foreign defendants in patent infringement cases. Such cases have involved international depositions, analysis of license agreements, vendor agreements, e-sports sponsorship contracts, patents, and other contracts related to intellectual property. Eric has also obtained his ACEDS e-discovery certification.

### Representative Matters

- Successfully defended manufacturer of professional-grade computer peripherals in a patent infringement suit brought by a non-practicing entity in the Eastern District of Texas. A jury verdict of non-infringement was reached with less than two hours of deliberation.
- Won summary judgment and successfully defended subsequent appeal in a claim alleging a breach of fiduciary duty against a Chicago-based bank.
- Successfully recovered from more than 90 percent of account debtors in a national litigation campaign to collect accounts receivable from a defunct borrower.
- Served as counsel of record for Amicus Brief filed by constitutional law scholars on behalf of petitioners in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, in which the

### Admitted

Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

### Education

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2013

Indiana University (Bloomington), B.A., Political Science, 2010

### Practice Focus

Bank Defense

Commercial Foreclosure and Real Estate Litigation

Commercial Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Environmental Advice and Litigation

Fiduciary Litigation

Israel Practice

Real Estate

Restructuring and Bankruptcy

Securities Litigation and Arbitration

Special Situations and

U.S. Supreme Court held that the right to marriage is guaranteed to same-sex couples.

- Routinely provides pro bono services for Cabrini Green Legal Aid in connection with clemency petitions to the Illinois governor for highly qualified applicants.
- Successfully fought to dramatically limit the scope of a plaintiff's e-discovery requests under recently enacted Illinois Supreme Court Rules, resulting in significant savings for the client, in a suit against a major financial institution.
- Successfully represented beverage manufacturer client with FDA labeling regulatory dispute.

Restructuring

## Languages

French

## Honors & Awards

- Chapman's 2014 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year