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Areas of Practice

Construction Dispute Resolution | Energy Law | International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution | Litigation / Trial Practice

Wheaton Webb is an Associate in the Litigation, Construction, and International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Practices at Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

Wheaton's practice focuses on solving difficult litigation challenges for his clients in construction and commercial disputes in federal courts and before arbitral tribunals. His practice covers multiple industries, including the construction, energy, manufacturing, life sciences, and insurance sectors. Wheaton relies on his experience as a federal court clerk to inform his strategic approach to each of his matters and he regularly obtains favorable results for clients on the strength of his written advocacy.

Wheaton also speaks and publishes on arbitration related topics. Most recently, he co-chaired, for the second year in a row, 13th Annual Atlanta International Arbitration Society Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. His publications focus primarily on developments in U.S. courts that affect arbitration practice.

Wheaton earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Georgia School of Law, where he was a member of the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team and the Senior Notes Editor for the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Additionally, Wheaton developed his appellate advocacy skills representing indigent defendants in federal appeals through the Appellate Litigation Clinic. He holds a B.A. in Government with a minor in finance from the College of William and Mary.

Prior to joining SGR, Wheaton was an Associate at a national law firm focusing on federal court litigation and international disputes. He also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Tilman E. Self, III of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia in Macon, Georgia.

Admissions

Georgia

Representative Experience

- Represented a multinational construction contractor in an international arbitration pursuant to the ICC Rules of Arbitration.
- Obtained consolidation of multiple AAA arbitrations on behalf of an insurer in state court proceedings.
- Represented project owner in a dispute with general contractor related to the construction of a sports arena.
- Represented public utility in class action environmental litigation arising under the Clean Water Act.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice on behalf of a pharmaceutical company of a class action complaint related to product labeling filed in federal court.
- Successfully appealed a federal agency's adverse determination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.
- Represented a global pharmaceutical company in product liability matters arising out of recalled knee injections, including obtaining a favorable defense result on summary judgment.

Memberships

- Atlanta International Arbitration Society
- International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA)
- Georgia Bar Association, Construction Law Section
- Georgia Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, "Effective Written Advocacy in International Arbitration Proceedings," co-hosted by the ICC Young Arbitration & ADR Forum and the Atlanta International Arbitration Society, October 2024.
- Co-Chair, Atlanta International Arbitration Society's 13th Annual Conference, October 2024.
- Panelist, "Practical Arbitration Topics for Construction Lawyers," State Bar of Georgia's Construction Law and Dispute Resolution Sections, January 25, 2024.
- Co-Chair, Atlanta International Arbitration Society's 12th Annual Conference, October 2023.
- Panelist, "Partition Actions Under Georgia's Heirs Property Act," Summer Conference of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, August 2023.

- Speaker, “Manifest Disregard and the Georgia Supreme Court’s Decision in *Adventure Motorsports Reinsurance Ltd. v. Interstate National Dealer Services, Inc.*,” Atlanta International Arbitration Society Plenary Meeting, November 10, 2022.

Publications

- Clause for Concern: Unilateral Option Clauses in Arbitration Agreements, Underground Connection - Georgia Utility Contractors Association, November 2024, Underground Connection : November 2024 Issue.
- *Eleventh Circuit Joins Others on Applicability of Domestic FAA Grounds to Vacate Nondomestic Arbitration Awards*, Troutman Pepper Client Alert, August 4, 2023, <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/eleventh-circuit-joins-others-on-8189928/>
- *A Change in Course? The Eleventh Circuit May Soon Join Most Circuits on the Applicability of FAA Grounds to Vacate Nondomestic Arbitration Awards*, Troutman Pepper Client Alert, December 14, 2022, <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/a-change-in-course-the-eleventh-circuit-3619261/>
- Co-author, “Liability Considerations for Manufacturers of Face Masks Intended for Source Control in the Age of COVID-19,” Troutman Sanders Client Alert, June 9, 2020.
- *Mind the Gap: Proposing a Tool for Identifying Gaps in Institutional Arbitration Rules*, 13 Fla. A&M U. L. Rev. 125 (2017), Student Note.