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Patrick Muench litigates complex commercial cases with emphasis on ERISA, antitrust, and oil and gas disputes. He handles all aspects of these matters from discovery through trial.

Clerkships

Law Clerk, Hon. Robert M. Dow Jr., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2007 - 2009)

Practice Areas

Business Valuation
Commercial Litigation
Energy - Oil & Gas
ERISA, Employee Benefits & Trust Litigation

Education

J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, 2006, *cum laude*, Rickert Award for Excellence in Advocacy, Best Brief at 2006 National Environment Moot Court Competition
B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2000

Admissions

Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Representative Matters

- Won a \$30 million trial judgment in *Brundle v. Wilmington Trust*, a case involving multiple breaches of duty by the trustee and complex valuation issues in an ESOP transaction; won a complete affirmance by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, establishing new law on ESOPs that has been cited nationwide
- Represented the FDIC in its capacity as receiver of Colonial Bank; case resolved favorably to the FDIC as part of a multi-case, multi-agency settlement for \$16.65 billion, the largest single-company settlement in U.S. history

News & Insights

Settlement Announced in McBride ESOP Litigation
05.24.2022

ERISA Claims Against ESOP Trustee and Selling Shareholder Survive Motion to Dismiss
02.04.2022

Bailey Glasser Defeats Motion to Compel Arbitration; Employee Stock Ownership Plan Lawsuit Moves Forward in New York
11.09.2021

Judge Allows Claims Against ESOP Trustee To Go Forward
11.02.2021

Bailey Glasser ERISA Team Defeats Motion to Dismiss ESOP Lawsuit Pursuant to Arbitration Clause
09.13.2021

Bailey Glasser Seeks Approval of \$5.5 million ESOP Settlement
06.03.2021

Bailey Glasser Files Complaint on Behalf of Participant in EYP ESOP
01.27.2021

Bailey Glasser Seeks Approval of \$5 million ESOP Settlement
01.20.2021

Patrick Muench Speaking at ABA ERISA Virtual Program
01.14.2021

Bailey Glasser Files ERISA Class Action Lawsuit Against ESOP Trustee Argent Trust Co.
12.01.2020

Judge Allows Claims Against ESOP Trustee Argent Trust Co. To Go Forward Because Plaintiffs Demonstrated Viable Claims
11.04.2020

Bailey Glasser Receives Final Approval on \$19.5 Million Settlement with Wilmington Trust to End ERISA Class Action
10.02.2020

McBride & Son Executives Must Face Lawsuit Alleging They Ripped Off Their Own Employees in Selling Themselves the Employee Owned Company at a Steep Discount
08.25.2020

Bailey Glasser Seeks Final Approval of \$19.5 Million ESOP Settlement with Wilmington Trust
08.17.2020

Bailey Glasser Receives Final Approval on \$6.25 Million Settlement with Reliance Trust to End ERISA Class Action
08.06.2020

Bailey Glasser Defeats Motions To Dismiss And Transfer On Behalf Of Nation Safe Drivers Employees
07.21.2020

Bailey Glasser Receives Final Approval for \$13 Million Settlement to End Bradford Hammacher ESOP Lawsuit
06.23.2020

Bailey Glasser Announces \$19.5 Million Settlement With Wilmington Trust To End ERISA Class Action
04.17.2020

Bailey Glasser Announces \$6.25M Settlement With Reliance Trust Co. To End ERISA Class Action Lawsuit
03.18.2020

Bailey Glasser Announces Promotions for 2020
02.04.2020

Bailey Glasser Wins Summary Judgment in Employee Stock Ownership Plan Dispute
08.23.2019

Bailey Glasser Wins Key Motion in Employee Stock Ownership Plan Dispute
04.03.2019

Bailey Glasser Defeats Motion Disputing Constitutional Standing of ESOP Participants
02.21.2018

Bailey Glasser Wins Class Certification on Behalf of The Bradford Hammacher Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan's Participants
02.19.2018

Judge Orders Trustee to Pay \$30 Million to ESOP
03.15.2017

Bailey Glasser Wins Complete Reversal in Seventh Circuit ERISA Case
10.07.2016

FDIC settles suit with Bank of America as Part of Largest Single-Company Settlement in US History
08.22.2014

Community and Professional Activities

Illinois State Bar Association