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## Overview

**Anton Stewart focuses his practice on a broad spectrum of labor and employment matters. He provides comprehensive, management-centered counsel to public and private clients and handles employment disputes in state and federal agencies, courts, and arbitration tribunals.**

With an added concentration on unfair competition and trade secret disputes, Anton helps businesses protect their most valuable nontangible assets. He assists clients from a variety of industries – including insurance, health care, and financial services – with navigating complex issues involved in enforcing post-employment restrictions across state (and national) borders and advises clients on implementing proactive safeguards targeted at keeping clients' financial and customer information in the right hands in the event of isolated or mass departures of their revenue-producing workforce.

Anton is also an accomplished court attorney with substantial experience in all aspects of complex employment, trade secret, and commercial litigation. He has tried cases to verdict, represented clients in state and federal courts across the country, and successfully defended favorable judgments on appeal. Above all, having litigated a plethora of cases, Anton targets his advice to avoiding unnecessary litigation where possible through contractual, extracontractual, and ADR means, helping clients keep their legal expenses at bay.

Anton is also notably trilingual in English, Russian, and French and boasts comprehensive legal education from Russia, Scotland, and the U.S. This permits him to spot issues and offer advice germane to an ever-globalizing workforce, a growing fraction of which tends to be remote.

## Education

- Emory University School of Law, 2017 (J.D.), *with Honors*
- University of Edinburgh, 2011 (LL.B.), *with Merit*
- Ural State Law Academy, 2006 (J.D.), *First Class Honors*

## Bar Admissions

- New York
- District of Columbia
- Texas

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma

## Memberships

- American Bar Association

## Presentations and Publications

- "Lifting the Ban on Physician-Owned Hospitals: Problems, Alternatives, Solutions," *ABA Health*, December 2017
- "The Crown In Right of the UK and the Evolution of British Parliamentary System," *Legislation and Law Journal*, January 2007

## Related Experience

- Co-chaired a jury trial of a complex contract and tort case for a European manufacturing client, which resulted in a favorable verdict, including award of attorneys' fees.
- Obtained a permanent gag-order injunction against a pro se defendant harassing the workforce of a national deli wholesale client as first-chair counsel.
- Drafted a successful motion to dismiss an eight-figure suit against a European client on jurisdictional grounds.
- Secured a dismissal of conviction discrimination and retaliation claims against a construction client under New York State Human Rights Law.
- Successfully argued for dismissal of ADA and NYSHRL disability discrimination, harassment, and retaliation claims against a national manufacturing client.
- Counseled a U.S.-Canadian client in a post-merger, cross-border reduction in workforce, including implementation of "garden leaves" for eligible employees.
- Successfully argued for dismissal of multiple breach of fiduciary duty and negligence claims against a professional services client on the basis of the Texas anti-SLAPP statute.
- Secured a summary judgment on multiple tort and negligence claims against an upstream client involving catastrophic injuries to a rig hand.
- Second-chaired a favorable mediation of a breach of contract case for a national oil marketer.
- Advised a national telemedicine client in a rollout of multistate physician employment policies and agreements.