

Welcome to the Business Litigation Theme Issue

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Businesses are at the forefront of a nation's economic growth and success. Innovators, entrepreneurs, and inventors develop ideas to motivate and inspire all of us. The enterprises we create rank with the other remarkable achievements we accomplish when we come together for a unified purpose. Thus, attorneys who represent or interact with corporate entities and their constituent parts should understand the complexities of business law and have the greatest integrity when dealing with these dynamic institutions on which we all rely.

The following pages discuss critical business law issues litigated in our courts, including principles of oppression, fiduciary duties, discovery, and contractual warranties. The articles presented in this theme issue are helpful resources to assist attorneys facing business law challenges. ■



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“A business that makes nothing but money is a poor business.”

—Henry Ford

“Industry is increased, commodities are multiplied, agriculture and manufacturers flourish; and herein consists the true wealth and prosperity of a state.”

—Alexander Hamilton

“We need to handle our financial situation. Are we a nation of states? What’s the state of our nation?”

—Lin-Manuel Miranda, *Hamilton: An American Musical*