Blank Rome Expands with New Partner Will Weltman in Chicago

Blank Rome LLP has announced that William “Will” S. Weltman has joined the firm’s Chicago office as a partner in its Business Litigation group, bringing expertise in complex litigation and private equity counseling.

Weltman, who specializes in contractual, trade secret, and technology disputes, also works with high-net-worth individuals and family offices in trust and estate litigation. His arrival marks a significant addition to Blank Rome’s growing Chicago office, which has expanded to over 30 attorneys since its 2019 opening.

Weltman joins Blank Rome from Reed Smith LLP, where he represented private equity clients across various industries, including food, consumer products, and hospitality. He will continue advising clients on international litigation, technology disputes, and cross-border matters, enhancing the firm’s capabilities in these areas.

Blank Rome’s Chicago office has grown rapidly, adding notable partners like Ferlillia V. Roberson, Allison N. Powers, and Emily L. Hussey, reflecting the firm’s commitment to delivering innovative legal solutions to clients across industries.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Will to the team,” said Grant S. Palmer, Blank Rome’s Chair and Managing Partner. “His strategic approach to litigation and in-house perspective will be invaluable to our clients.”

Weltman is also dedicated to pro bono work, especially in civil rights and criminal justice reform.

He graduated as valedictorian from the John Marshall Law School and he served as Editor-In-Chief of The John Marshall Law Review. He earned his undergraduate degree from Illinois Wesleyan University.