Trial Lawyer Scott Thomas Joins Winston & Strawn in Dallas

- Scott Thomas has joined **Winston & Strawn LLP** as a partner in the Dallas office.

A trial lawyer with experience in commercial litigation, securities litigation, and shareholder disputes in federal and state courts in Texas, New York, and California, Thomas joins Winston after leaving Fish & Richardson earlier this year.

“Scott stands out from his peers based on his trial experience, case savvy, and judgment,” said Tom Melsheimer, who leads the firm’s Dallas office as managing partner with Bryan Goolsby, and who worked with Scott while at Fish & Richardson. “He has been a critical member of our team for more than a decade and is another reason why the Winston team here in Dallas is second to none.”

In a release, the firm said:

> “When we opened the Dallas office eight months ago, we had a vision of the kind of top-quality people we wanted and needed to attract in order to make it work, and work well,” said Bryan Goolsby, Winston’s Dallas managing partner. “Scott fits perfectly with those plans and allows us to continue growing in a manner that’s best for our clients.”
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> Scott has represented public and closely held companies, as well as individuals, in areas such as securities, fiduciary duty, fraud, minority shareholder claims, trade secrets, insurance coverage, and breach of contract.
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> He has obtained favorable results for his clients in trial, including a verdict for one of three individual minority

shareholders of over $178 million, which was recognized as one of the top verdicts in the country in 2009, according to the National Law Journal. He was also recognized for his work in a highly publicized insider trading trial, which led to his prior firm’s litigation group being recognized as one of the “best” by Texas Lawyer in 2014. Recently, he has obtained summary judgments in favor of his clients as plaintiffs in significant indemnification cases in New York and California, leading to settlements right before damages trials.

Prior to his legal career, Scott worked at the international accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. He holds a B.B.A. in accounting and finance from Texas Christian University, an M.A. in taxation from Baylor University, and a J.D. from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.