

Leading Employment and Class Action Litigator William J. Anthony Joins Blank Rome in New York

Blank Rome LLP is pleased to announce that William J. Anthony has joined the Firm's New York office as a partner in the Labor & Employment and Class Action Defense groups. Anthony joins Blank Rome from Jackson Lewis P.C. where he served in several high-level leadership roles, including firm co-chair (2019–2020), board member (2005–2020), and the Hartford office managing principal (2000–2008). In addition, Will launched and led the firm's Class Actions and Complex Litigation group and grew it into one of the largest U.S. class action practices. Anthony also established and led Jackson Lewis' seminal diversity committee, coordinating strategic initiatives and advancing the firm's diversity and inclusion efforts, particularly through recruiting.

Anthony focuses his labor and employment practice on the strategic defense of class, collective, and multi-party actions, including a broad spectrum of federal and state law wage and hour claims. He has successfully defended against a wide range of wage and hour claims, claims under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and discrimination statutes. In addition, Anthony represents organizations in single-plaintiff cases alleging discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, and breach of contract.

He has litigated cases in over fifteen states and has trial experience in Connecticut, New Jersey, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Montana. His trial experience includes defense of class, collective, and single plaintiff actions before juries, judges, and arbitrators. Anthony has extensive

experience advising clients on the full range of employment law issues and provides training on management skills, discrimination, harassment, and wage and hour laws. He is a frequent speaker on employment law topics in front of a broad range of live and remote audiences.

Anthony earned his J.D. from Boston University, and his B.A. from Hamilton College. He served as past president of the Connecticut Lawyers Collaborate for Diversity and received the Hartford Business Journal's 2010 Leadership in Diversity Award.