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Overview

Corporations, colleges and universities, and dozens of governmental entities from coast to coast turn to Scott for his decades of experience litigating complex commercial and regulatory cases.

His areas of focus are:

- **Airport Law:** Scott has built a national airport practice, representing over 100 governmental airport owners in federal regulatory compliance matters, civil litigation, and airport-airline negotiations. He has successfully argued many closely watched, precedent-setting cases for airport owners, including leading antitrust and RICO cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, important preemption cases in the Third and Ninth Circuits, and rate-setting appeals in the D.C. Circuit. Scott has also led the successful defense of several "rocket docket" complaints at USDOT as well as countless Part 16 complaints at FAA. He has also drafted and negotiated airport-airline agreements or rate ordinances at many of the country's large and medium hub airports.
- **Civil Rights and Law Reform Litigation:** Throughout his career, Scott has been a vigorous civil rights advocate. For many years, his focus was on the rights of people in state custody, and Scott brought a number of important institutional reform cases. More recently, Scott represented 46 states in complex arbitration cases against Big Tobacco, and he has been the lead advocate for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and other public health organizations in federal court litigation involving health-related graphic warnings and corrective statements to be given by the major cigarette manufacturers. Scott led a team of lawyers who recently secured a nationwide injunction against the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development when it sought to rewrite the rules governing "disparate impact" housing discrimination claims at the end of the Trump Administration, and he is also the lead lawyer for the members of the board of the Jackson (Mississippi) Municipal Airport Authority who are challenging a race-based state statute that would strip the City of Jackson of its control of the airport.
- **Commercial and Regulatory Litigation**: Scott has decades of experience handling complex cases for major corporations in the biotech, public utility, and insurance industries. He has been recognized as a leading "bet the company" litigator for many years. These cases have often involved high-stakes disputes (including class actions) arising in connection with the development or marketing of pharmaceuticals, the remediation of contamination, the sale of allegedly defective products, or insurance coverage. For many years, Scott also served as lead counsel to the automobile and workers' compensation insurance industry in rate-setting proceedings in Massachusetts.

These are just a few of the many varied and often precedent-setting cases that Scott has litigated in both state and federal trial and appeals courts over the years. Scott has argued free speech cases for a wide range of clients, from prisoners to a local university; defended a novel artist's "moral rights" suit against a major mutual fund company; and structured the successful defense of multi-million dollar claims against a leading biotech company in the

PRACTICE AREAS

Airports

Litigation

CREDENTIALS

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D. 1974 *cum laude*

Beale Prize

Yale College, B.A. 1971 *magna cum laude*

Honors in Economics

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America©,* Lawyer of the Year in Boston, Administrative Regulatory Law, 2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America©,* Lawyer of the Year in

courts of Cyprus.

Scott continues to be an active participant in the civil rights and anti-tobacco communities and frequently takes on politically-charged cases.

Boston, Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2023

- *The Best Lawyers in America*©, Commercial and Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2007 - 2027
- *The Best Lawyers in America*©, Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2007 - 2027
- *The Best Lawyers in America*©, Administrative/Regulatory Law
- *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly,* Excellence in Pro Bono, 2019
- *American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network*, JAI Award for Outstanding Service, 2017
- *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2012-2020