



## Robert L. Burns

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Robert Burns focuses his practice on corporate and commercial litigation in Delaware's state and federal courts, including the Court of Chancery and the Delaware Supreme Court. Representing Delaware corporations, LLCs, limited partnerships, and their officers, directors, and managers, he has litigated numerous corporate control, corporate governance, and fiduciary duty matters, as well appraisal actions and contractual disputes.

### Experience

- Successfully argued a motion to dismiss on behalf of the board of United Continental in a Delaware Court of Chancery derivative suit challenging United's separation from its past CEO and other executives
- Successfully represented respondent in appraisal proceeding in *In re Appraisal of PetSmart, Inc.*, 2017 WL 2303599 (Del. Ch. May 26, 2017), in which the Court of Chancery concluded that the deal price represented fair value
- Counsel to international chemical company as plaintiff in a Delaware Court of Chancery fraud action that resulted in a favorable settlement
- Representing directors of a medical technology company in a control dispute
- Represented public and private companies in books and records actions
- Represented directors and officers in fiduciary duty suits, including class action and derivative cases, in the Delaware Court of Chancery and Delaware Supreme Court
- Successfully represented large telecommunications company in a confidential arbitration

### Publications

- "Chancery Court Decides First Action Under New Section 205," *Delaware Business Court Insider*, May 7, 2014
- "Fiduciary Duties and LLCs: Like Oil or Like Water?," *ABA Business Law Section Newsletter*, December 2012

**Awards**

- The Delaware National Guard's Delaware Distinguished Service Medal, 2014
- *Super Lawyers*, 2019

**Leadership**

- American Bar Association
- Delaware State Bar Association

**Education**

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, articles editor, *Virginia Journal of International Law*, 2009
- B.A., James Madison University, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2003

**Admitted to Practice**

- Delaware, 2009
- United States District Court, District of Delaware, 2010

**Pro Bono Activities**

- Guardian *ad Litem*, Delaware's Office of the Child Advocate
- Protection from Abuse Team, Delaware Volunteer Legal Services

**Practices**

- Chancery / Corporate Litigation