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Overview

Will Holland's practice is primarily focused on the resolution of complex business disputes, including the defense of manufacturers of leading consumer and commercial products in high-stakes product liability lawsuits as well as the defense of insurance companies in bad faith actions, in state and federal courts and in arbitration and mediation proceedings. As part of his litigation practice, he has been responsible for responding to complex institutional discovery requests, including through eDiscovery.

A portion of his practice is devoted to assisting public and private companies, with a particular emphasis on those in the financial services sector, with a myriad of corporate governance, regulatory compliance, securities, and risk management issues.

As a member of the firm's Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Group, Will also advises clients on privacy and information security legal and regulatory compliance, including the development and implementation of legally compliant privacy and security programs, the investigation of potential breaches, and best practices for responding to data breaches and cyberattacks.

Will earned his Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) designation from the International Association of Privacy Professionals and has developed expertise on a broad range of federal and state privacy and cybersecurity laws, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the California Consumer Privacy Act, and the New York Department of Financial Services cybersecurity regulations.

Will's achievements have earned him inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* (commercial litigation; insurance law; privacy and data security) and *Oklahoma Super Lawyers'* list of "Oklahoma Rising Stars," which recognizes the state's top up-and-coming attorneys.

Admissions

Texas, 2013

Oklahoma, 2018

Education

J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law, 2013; American Jurisprudence Award in Criminal Law

B.A., (Journalism), University of Oklahoma, 2010; National Merit Scholarship

Professional Certifications

CIPP/US (International Association of Privacy Professionals)

Professional Organizations and Memberships

Oklahoma Bar Association

State Bar of Texas

Prior to joining McAfee & Taft in 2019, Will served as assistant secretary and privacy liaison of a publicly traded Texas-based financial services company and as director and associate general counsel of one of its subsidiary insurance companies. In those roles, his responsibilities encompassed the areas of corporate governance (including ESG issues), regulatory compliance with federal and state securities and governance laws, enterprise risk management, and data privacy and cybersecurity. He also managed the company's litigation docket and played an active role in pre-trial proceedings and settlement negotiations.

Honors and Awards

- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* (commercial litigation; insurance law; privacy and data security)
- Named to *Oklahoma Super Lawyers'* list of "Oklahoma Rising Stars," which recognizes the state's up-and-coming attorneys