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Spencer Croat focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and post-M&A (mergers and acquisitions) disputes, helping clients protect their investments and resolve high-value conflicts efficiently. Drawing on experience in securities litigation and financial regulation, he offers a versatile, business-minded approach to dispute resolution that consistently delivers results for sophisticated corporate clients.

Transforming high-stakes conflicts into client success

Spencer represents clients in high-stakes commercial disputes nationwide. He handles a wide range of complex commercial litigation, with particular depth in post-M&A and transactional disputes. He advises buyers, sellers and other deal parties through the full lifecycle of post-closing disputes, including claims for breach of representations and warranties, purchase price adjustments, earnout disputes, indemnification proceedings and related litigation. Spencer also has a deep foundation in securities and financial services litigation, having been part of teams successfully defending major banks and investment firms. He regularly handles complex commercial matters in federal and state courts as well as in arbitration. His prior experience in the financial regulatory space, including defending financial institutions through regulatory proceedings and internal investigations, gives him a distinct perspective that is particularly valuable for clients navigating disputes at the intersection of corporate transactions and regulated industries.

Publications

- Second Circuit Opinion Allows Market Manipulation Claims Based on Hedging Activity (May 27, 2021)

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Financial Markets and Funds
- Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement
- Litigation
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Securities Litigation

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law, *magna cum laude*
- BA, The University of Iowa

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois