

## LITIGATOR

### OF THE YEAR

Our honorees for Litigators of the Year have their hands in the most complex, high-profile, precedent-setting matters facing some of the largest institutions, most well known individuals and hottest industries. Their work solves the most perplexing problems, helps clients navigate through the thorniest of issues, creates new law and changes the way the industry handles similar matters moving forward.



## JAMES HURST

Kirkland & Ellis

You win some, you lose some—but most of the time, when James Hurst goes to trial, he wins. The Kirkland & Ellis partner chalked up six trial victories in six big cases: He successfully defended Abbott Laboratories in a \$1 billion False Claims Act suit; won \$94 million for AbbVie in a breach of contract suit; protected migraine medication Zomig from a generic competitor; prevailed in a confidential arbitration worth \$1 billion; persuaded a federal district court to invalidate Millenium's patent for cancer drug Velcade (a decision reversed on appeal); and won a jury verdict in a long-running age discrimination suit against Abbott. Merger litigation between Alere and Abbott settled, but Hurst got \$500 million knocked off the price Abbott paid.

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