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Michael A. Hill is a knowledgeable and results-oriented civil litigator serving clients across Connecticut and New York. He represents a diverse client base, including businesses, institutions, professionals, and individuals in various legal matters, such as personal injury, commercial litigation, product liability, and catastrophic loss. In addition, Michael acts as monitoring counsel for various professional and management lines of insurance, including lawyers' professional liability, miscellaneous professional liability, and directors & officers (D&O) liability. Michael is committed to vigorously advocating for his clients' objectives and works diligently to resolve claims swiftly and efficiently to ensure optimal outcomes in each case.

Known for his keen attention to detail, ability to navigate complex legal issues, skillful negotiation tactics, and deep understanding of each client's needs and goals, Michael is dedicated to delivering effective solutions through clear communication and responsiveness. His experience as a court-appointed mediator has enhanced his negotiation abilities, making him a persuasive advocate both in and out of the courtroom. By combining his expertise in risk management with his well-honed negotiation skills, Michael effectively handles intricate legal matters and secures excellent results for clients.

Michael joined Wilson Elser in 2024 after beginning his career at his father's civil defense firm in the Greater Hartford area. This early hands-on experience provided him with substantial knowledge about all aspects of the civil litigation process, as well as the best practices required to deliver exceptional value to his clients.

### Education

- New England Law | Boston (J.D., 2023)
  - Dean's Merit Scholar

### Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Employment & Labor
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage

- University of South Carolina (B.A., 2020)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Connecticut
- New York

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association
- American Inns of Court

# **Client Wins**

## **Hill and Brown Secure Summary Judgment for Engineering Client After Establishing No Connection to Incident Property**

Michael A. Hill (Associate-Stamford, CT) and Stephen P. Brown (Partner-Stamford, CT) obtained summary judgment in Bridgeport Superior Court, Connecticut, for an engineering firm client. In 2021, the plaintiff was injured when a trench allegedly collapsed while he was performing excavation and water main installation work at a property. The plaintiff named our client in the lawsuit, but preliminary discussions revealed the engineering firm was not associated with the property at the time of the incident. After confirming this with the client, Michael contacted the plaintiff's counsel to determine the basis for naming the client as a defendant. Plaintiff's counsel advised that the codefendant's counsel provided our client's name. After conducting limited discovery with the parties to establish the client's lack of involvement, Michael and Steve moved for summary judgment on that basis. Plaintiff's counsel acknowledged that he had no basis to oppose the motion and allowed it to enter on the record without objection. After Michael argued the motion, the presiding judge concurred with Wilson Elser's arguments, granting summary judgment absent the plaintiff's objection. The plaintiff informed counsel he would not object.

## **Brown and Hill Obtain Dismissal for Youth Baseball League on Standing Grounds**

Stephen P. Brown (Partner-Stamford, CT) and Michael A. Hill (Associate-Stamford, CT) obtained dismissal in Danbury Superior Court, Connecticut, for a nonprofit youth baseball league client, based on the plaintiff's lack of standing. The plaintiff, an unincorporated association formed solely for the purpose of this lawsuit, filed suit against our client, its local league affiliate, and 23 individual board members. The plaintiff's complaint alleged negligence, fraud, and violations of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act. Recognizing that the parties' defenses were aligned, Michael coordinated with the codefendant's counsel to research dismissal of the matter based on jurisdictional grounds. After meticulous review of case law and drafts, Wilson Elser and the codefendant's counsel filed motions to dismiss. During oral argument, Michael further articulated the firm's position on the plaintiff's standing, including its attempt to assert claims on behalf of

a proposed class. The court agreed with the arguments, holding that the plaintiff lacked standing to bring this action and entered a judgment of dismissal in favor of our client and all other defendants.