

Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

Miller Canfield's business trial lawyers have successfully tried all manner of business cases to juries, judges and arbitrators (domestic and international). Our Trial Practice clients include Fortune 500 companies, smaller businesses, individuals and governmental and non-profit organizations. We have achieved many significant victories for our clients. Some examples:

- We pursued a nuclear power utility's plant designer for cost overruns and construction delays. Result: After an eight month trial, we obtained the then largest settlement in American legal history - \$750,000,000.
- We defended a \$12 million claim by the government against an automotive client. Result: Dismissal.
- We have successfully defended multi-million dollar fraud claims against several clients.
- We have successfully defended clients in numerous high-profile federal and state criminal prosecutions.

In all of these cases, our clients have entrusted our trial lawyers with many of their most sensitive and important matters and enjoyed similar positive results. [Click here for additional examples.](#)

Our trial group, and individual lawyers within it, have been repeatedly recognized for the world class services we provide, including by the American College of Trial Lawyers, Martindale-Hubbell, *Corporate Counsel Magazine*, *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America*, and *Super Lawyers*. For example, the 2008 *Chambers USA* ratings – based in large part upon interviews with our clients -- placed our trial group in the "first band," and recognized several of us for individual excellence.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Media and Marketing Services Company Antitrust Action
Miller Canfield assisted Valassis Communications, Inc. in its legal battle with News America, Inc., a part of Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation. As part of a comprehensive settlement--reached three days before the parties were scheduled to begin a jury trial in Federal Court in Detroit--News America agreed to pay Valassis \$500 million and enter into a 10-year shared mail distribution agreement with Valassis. The \$500 million settlement includes \$300 million awarded after an eight-week jury trial in July 2009, the eighth-largest jury verdict in the United States in 2009.

Valassis Communications, Inc. v News America Inc., Case No. 07-706645 (Wayne County Circuit Court 2007); Valassis Communications, Inc. v News America Inc., Case No. 2:06-cv-10240 (Eastern District of Michigan 2006); Valassis Communications, Inc. v News America Inc., Case No. BC367743, (Los Angeles County Superior Court, California 2007).
