

## WilmerHale Victorious in Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Multidistrict Litigation

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WilmerHale, representing The Hartford Financial Group, won a major victory on Friday, September 28, in the Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Multidistrict Litigation. Chief Judge Garrett Brown of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey dismissed all RICO claims in both the commercial and employee benefits complaints in this massive class action, with prejudice. Judge Brown had previously dismissed all antitrust claims. In his order on Friday, Judge Brown also dismissed the state law claims in the commercial complaint. He deferred ruling on the state law claims in the employee benefits complaint until he rules on the defendants' pending motion for summary judgment as to the only remaining federal claims in the case, under ERISA.

The WilmerHale team who represented The Hartford in this matter was led by partners Paul Engelmayer, Bill Kolasky and Andrea Robinson and was assisted by counsel and associates from the firm's New York, Washington and Boston offices.