

# Gregory M. Leitner

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For clients around the world, Greg Leitner gives legal advice and counseling in the areas of general counseling, deal structuring, commercial transactions, and complex commercial disputes. As former outside general counsel for the chemical division of Olin Corporation and for other chemical firms, Greg has led teams handling multi-million dollar commercial transactions including joint ventures, asset purchase agreements, mergers and acquisitions, manufacturing agreements, and environmental disputes. Greg has also prosecuted many large commercial cases, representing corporation clients as the plaintiff resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in recoveries. Earlier in his career, Greg practiced mostly in the courtroom, and some of his representative court opinions include:

- *Messer Griesheim Industries Inc. v. Eastman Chemical Co.*, 194 S.W.3d 466
- *Downing, et al v. Bowater Inc.*, representing Olin Corp., 846 S.W.2d 265
- *In re: Mercury Settlement with the Department of Justice*, 59 F.R. 23233, 1994 W.L.167676
- *Olin Corp. v. Lambda Electronics Inc.*, 39 F.Supp. 2d 912
- *Olin Corp. v. Yeargin Inc.*, 146 F.3d 398, 6th Cir.
- *Messer Griesheim Industries Inc. v. Cryotech of Kingsport Inc.*, 45 S.W.3d 588 Tenn.

## Education

- University of Tennessee College of Law (J.D., 1980)
- University of Memphis (B.A., *cum laude*, 1978)

## Bar Admissions

- Tennessee, 1981
- Georgia, 2013

## Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Tennessee
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

## Capabilities

- Corporate & Transactional
- Commercial Contracts & Transactions
- Chemical Manufacturing
- International
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
  - Business Law, Labor and Employment Law and Litigation sections
- Signal Crest United Methodist Church
- Georgia Association of Manufacturers

## Recognition

- Selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, 2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Transportation Law, 2025-2026
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2011-2013
- *Who's Who in American Law*

# Matters

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- Voluminous transactions involving chemical manufacturing, including construction projects; commercial sales and purchase agreements; development of on-site facilities with lessees; tolling agreements, leases of chemical facilities; rolling stock agreements; real estate issues; logistics agreements; equipment financing; export issues; environmental issues; intellectual property; plant shutdowns and associated risks
- Led Polsinelli team that assisted in publicly traded client's acquisition of over \$5 billion of assets from another publicly traded chemical company
- Representing chemical shipper against Class 1 railroads at the Surface Transportation Board in Washington, D.C.
- Successfully placed a publicly traded company into involuntary bankruptcy, which resulted in a full recovery in millions of dollars for chemical client