



HSG SHORTLISTED BY BENCHMARK LITIGATION FOR GENERAL COMMERCIAL FIRM OF THE YEAR, BOUTIQUE FIRM OF THE YEAR, AND NEW YORK FIRM OF THE YEAR

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Founding Partner Michael Shuster Again Shortlisted for Antitrust Litigator of the Year

Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP has been selected to Benchmark Litigation's 2026 U.S. Awards shortlist for General Commercial Firm of the Year—an award we were proud to receive in 2025—Boutique Firm of the Year, and New York Firm of the Year—an award we have won three times since our founding. In addition, founding partner Mike Shuster has been shortlisted for Antitrust Litigator of the Year for the fourth consecutive year.

The full shortlists are below:

General Commercial Firm of the Year

- Cravath, Swaine & Moore
- **Holwell Shuster & Goldberg**
- Hueston Hennigan
- Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
- Susman Godfrey
- Williams & Connolly

Boutique Firm of the Year

- Dunn Isaacson Rhee
- Elsberg Baker & Maruri
- Hecker Fink
- **Holwell Shuster & Goldberg**

- MoloLamken
- Reichman Jorgensen Lehman &
- Feldberg
- Wilkinson Stekloff

New York Firm of the Year

- Boies Schiller Flexner
- Cravath, Swaine & Moore
- Hecker Fink
- **Holwell Shuster & Goldberg**
- Kasowitz Benson Torres
- Kobre & Kim
- Levine Lee
- Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
- Sullivan & Cromwell
- Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

Antitrust Litigator of the Year

- **Michael Shuster, Holwell Shuster & Goldberg**
- David Marriott, Latham & Watkins
- Christopher Ondeck, Proskauer
- Joseph Saveri, Saveri Law Firm
- Sara Razi, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
- Rakesh Kilaru, Wilkinson Stekloff

Widely revered by clients and peers for its approach and litigation acumen, HSG continued to demonstrate the strength of its practice through numerous successes in 2025, including: a unanimous victory at the U.S. Supreme Court; a “landmark decision” (Wall Street Journal) in a closely-watched victory in the Fifth Circuit on behalf of a group of lenders challenging a controversial restructuring; and a series of key wins for the insurer Chubb over who should bear financial responsibility for the opioid epidemic.

HSG also won a \$125 million judgment against Walmart after a jury trial in the company’s home state of Arkansas, and a substantial jury verdict in another industrial giant’s backyard—for aerospace startup Zunum in a trade secrets case against Boeing in federal court in Seattle, with the Ninth Circuit reinstating the verdict in full on appeal.

Mike, who is recognized throughout the industry as a “quintessential lead trial lawyer” who “leads by example and excels not only in case strategy but in oral argument and overall court presence,” currently serves as national lead trial counsel to Visa in multi-district class action antitrust litigation filed on behalf of merchants, as well as in opt-out cases brought by the world’s largest retailers relating to network rules at the heart of the Visa system, among other high-profile matters.

The full list of 2026 award nominees can be viewed [here](#).

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