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EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of
Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2009,
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University Law Review
Indiana University, B.A., 2006

Andy Phillips

Andy joined Clare Locke LLP as a Senior Associate in May 2014 and was elevated to Partner in 2017. Before joining Clare Locke, he was a litigation associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, one of the nation's premier law firms. His practice focuses on a broad range of litigation matters before both federal and state courts. Andy has represented clients in litigation matters involving contractual disputes, products liability claims, pharmaceutical litigation, false claims act suits, property insurance coverage disputes, and defamation matters. Andy has extensive experience in all stages of litigation, from initial pleadings and discovery to motions practice, trial, and appeal.

Andy has worked on numerous defamation matters, securing corrections and retractions of damaging falsehoods published about his clients by media organizations like Simon & Schuster and the International Business Times. He has years of experience litigating commercial property insurance coverage disputes on behalf of a major national insurance company and its affiliates, and helped to secure dismissals of a series of lawsuits filed by an association of insurance agents against the company that alleged various breach of contract claims. He has also represented a major generic drug manufacturer in numerous product liability actions and a series of suits brought by state attorneys general alleging violations of state false claims acts and consumer protection laws. Andy's recent litigation representations include the successful defense of a major food services company in a commercial arbitration proceeding in which the plaintiff demanded over \$3 million in a contract dispute arising from the sale of the plaintiff's subsidiary. Following months of discovery and an arbitration hearing, the arbitrator ruled entirely in favor of Andy's client.

Recently, Andy served as co-lead trial counsel representing UVA administrator Nicole P. Eramo in her defamation lawsuit against defendants *Rolling Stone* magazine and reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely regarding the discredited article entitled "A Rape on Campus." Andy, along with Libby Locke, Tom Clare, and the rest of the Clare Locke team litigated the case for a year and a half, culminating in a three-week jury trial held in United States District Court in Charlottesville, Virginia. In November 2016 the jury found the defendants liable for defamation and awarded Ms. Eramo \$3 million in damages. Virginia Lawyer's Weekly included the case in its annual compilation of "Largest Verdicts" for 2016.

In 2014 and 2017, Andy was named a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* magazine in general litigation.