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William D. Johnston is a partner in the Wilmington, Delaware-based law firm of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP. His practice concentration is corporate and other business counseling and litigation. He is a past chair of Young Conaway's Corporate Counseling and Litigation Section.

Leading cases in which Mr. Johnston has been involved include *Paramount Communications v. QVC Network*, 637 A.2d 34 (Del. 1993), *Malpiede v. Townson*, 780 A.2d 1075 (Del. 2001), *In re: IBP Shareholders Litig. v. Tyson Foods, Inc.*, 789 A.2d 14 (Del. Ch. 2001), *Homestore, Inc. v. Tafeen*, 880 A.2d 204 (Del. 2005), *Sun-Times Media Group, Inc. v. Black*, 954 A.2d 380 (Del. Ch. 2008), *Hurd v. Espinoza and Hewlett-Packard Co.*, 34 A.3d 1084 (Del. 2011), and *Hermelin v. K-V Pharmaceutical Co.*, 54 A.3d 1093 (Del. Ch. 2012). A special focus of his practice is advancement and indemnification under Delaware law, and he has written and spoken extensively on those subjects.

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Mr. Johnston served for 24 years as a member of the Delaware State Human Relations Commission, by gubernatorial appointment. At Young Conway, he co-chairs the firm's Diversity Committee.

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