



## *Debo P. Adegbile*

Debo P. Adegbile focuses his practice on a range of matters at the intersection of law, business and government policy. He has significant experience in commercial, government-facing and appellate litigation, as well as strategic counseling in high-stakes cases, anti-discrimination matters and investigations. Mr. Adegbile co-chairs WilmerHale's Anti-Discrimination Practice. In addition, he currently serves as a commissioner on the US Commission on Civil Rights, appointed by President Obama in 2016.

His broad legal understanding is drawn from years of experience in the top tier of the law firm, government and not-for-profit sectors, including high-ranking roles with the Senate Judiciary Committee and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

Mr. Adegbile began his career as commercial litigator at a leading large New York law firm where, for seven years, he litigated a range of complex commercial cases and handled multiple internal and regulatory investigations.

From 2013-2014, Mr. Adegbile served as senior counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee, in which capacity he advised Committee Chairman Senator Leahy on a range of issues, including Supreme Court jurisprudence and litigation, the First Amendment, voting rights, national security, intellectual property and nominations.

Mr. Adegbile spent more than a decade working for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), where he served in several leadership roles. At LDF, he served as the director of litigation and supervised a broad range of complex civil and criminal cases in trial and appellate courts, including the US Supreme Court. Mr. Adegbile continued to litigate complex cases in his role as LDF's chief litigator, and led LDF to several major victories. From 2012 to early 2013, he served as LDF's acting president and director counsel. In February 2013, Mr. Adegbile argued his second US Supreme Court case: *Shelby County v. Holder*. Previously, Mr. Adegbile argued *Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District Number One v. Holder* in the US Supreme Court.