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Are Certain Claims Prevented When Bringing a Trade Secret Claim?



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Are certain claims prevented when bringing a trade secret claim? Yes. Generally speaking the Arkansas Uniform Trade Secrets Act (AUTSA) displaces conflicting tort, restitutionary, and other law concerning the misappropriation of a trade secret. However, a plaintiff seeking to protect trade secrets may still allege contractual or other civil liability or relief that is not based on the misappropriation of trade secrets. An example that we frequently see is that the AUTSA does not preclude the ability to recover for breach of either a non-compete agreement or a non-disclosure agreement.