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Practice Areas

Litigation and Arbitration, Corporate, Antitrust and Competition Litigation, Class Action Defense, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, Securities Litigation, Corporate Governance and Disclosure, Mergers and Acquisitions, Private Equity and Venture Capital, Arbitration and Mediation, Oil and Gas, Employment Law - U.S.

Education

University of Michigan Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1986; Executive Note Editor, Michigan Law Review); Columbia University (B.A. 1982)

Bar Admissions

New York State; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Lawrence T Gresser is the Managing Partner of the firm, which he co-founded in 2002.

Larry's practice focuses on advising clients on complex commercial matters, including international litigation and arbitration, securities law, real estate litigation, partnership and LLC law, executive compensation, and private equity transactions. He serves as outside general counsel to a number of private companies and private equity funds.

Larry is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, where he received the Order of the Coif and was an Executive Note Editor of the Law Review.

Following graduation, Larry served as a Law Clerk to Honorable William C. Canby, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and practiced with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton.

Larry has been recognized by *Chambers USA* in the General Commercial Litigation category and by *Legal 500 U.S.* in the Securities Litigation and General Commercial Litigation categories. He has been named one of New York's *Super Lawyers* for Business Litigation each year since 2007, and he has been recognized as a "Local Litigation Star" for New York by *Benchmark Litigation*. In 2016, Larry was selected by *Super Lawyers* as one of the top 100 lawyers in the New York metropolitan area. Larry is a member of *Law360's* editorial advisory board for its Legal Industry coverage. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, a Trustee of the Citizens Budget Commission, and a member of the firm's Diversity Committee.

Litigation

Represent leading U.S. broker-dealer in multiple securities litigation and arbitration matters, including class action litigation arising from offering of mortgage pass-through certificates.

Defended a major Houston-based oil and gas production and marketing company in litigation in the Southern District of New York alleging breach of contract, fraud, and conversion in connection with a series of complex oil and gas financing transaction. Case dismissed in its entirety.

Defended leading Korean technology company in major international arbitration under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Representation led to selection as principal outside U.S. counsel to client, including defense of client in major patent litigations and class action product defect cases.

Regularly represent financial advisors employed by major financial institution in litigation and arbitrations.

Successfully represented clients in over 100 mediations to resolve contract disputes, partnership disputes, and products liability cases.

Represented majority members of limited liability company in dispute over member's resignation to form a competing company; obtained ruling that resigning member was liable for wrongful resignation based on LLC agreement. Case settled on favorable terms.

Represented major regional broker-dealer in securities litigation involving Rule 10 b-5 and common law claims arising from the purchase and resale of debt securities; matter was settled on favorable terms.

Represented hedge fund in a private insider trading case in the Southern District of New York, alleging violations of Rule 10 b-5 and the tender offer rules; matter was settled on favorable terms.

Represented Special Litigation Committee of the Board of Directors of a Fortune 500 software manufacturer with respect to derivative claims brought in the name of the client corporation.

Represented Japanese manufacturing company in over 500 products liability actions across the U.S. Created streamlined, cost effective settlement procedure to resolve all actions before trial.

Represented major U.S. financial services company in complex litigation in multiple foreign jurisdictions involving gold derivatives transactions.

Represented independent manufacturer in antitrust litigation against Fortune 500 competitor; matter was settled on favorable terms.

Represented industrial company in breach of warranty litigation against international equipment manufacturer; matter was settled on favorable terms.

Regularly provides strategic counseling for partners, LLC members and shareholders in closely-held corporations.

Corporate

Serve as principal outside counsel to international private equity fund specializing in commodities-related transactions.

Serve as principal outside counsel to technology-focused venture capital fund.

Serve as principal outside counsel to several companies in the technology sector.

Represented substantial private medical group in sale of practice to public company.

Served as principal outside counsel to European venture capital fund and handled range of legal and business matters, including fund formation, selection and management of portfolio companies, sale of portfolio companies, and other general fund matters.

Represented major international bank and coordinated counsel throughout the European Union in connection with the development of a London-based cross-border internet investment bank.

Represented major US financial institution in connection with large structured gold derivative transaction in South Africa; currently serve as lead counsel to private investment company founded by lead investment banker in transaction.

Represented major holiday collectables company in acquisition by private equity fund; continue to serve as principal outside counsel to company for all corporate, intellectual property and litigation matters.

Represented leading provider of risk management software in complex debt restructuring and licensing transaction involving two major international financial institutions; continue to serve as principal outside counsel to company for all corporate, intellectual property, and litigation matters.

Represent construction services company in shareholder buyout and debt and equity financing transactions in connection with rollup strategy.

Activities and Affiliations

Past Chairman of the Board of Directors, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

Co-Chair, English-American Litigation Forum 2018 and 2019 Steering Committees

Member, Forum on Defense Class Action 2017 Steering Committee

Member, New York City Bar Association

Member, *Law360's* Legal Industry Editorial Advisory Board

Member, Federal Bar Council (Program Committee and Winter Bench and Bar Committee)

Member, American Bar Association

Member, International Bar Association (Arbitration Committee, Corporate and M&A Law Committee, Litigation Committee, Law Firm Management Committee)

