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### Practice

Litigation Finance and Alternative Funding

Litigation

Eric helps clients win consequential civil disputes. That includes achieving exceptional results at trial, in private arbitration and on appeal. He understands that smart advocacy often allows earlier success. He routinely collaborates with lawyers and non-lawyers.

Eric frequently represents financial services firms, pharmaceutical companies, investors, entertainers and broadcasters, executives, creatives and non-profit entities including religious institutions and organizations.

### Experience

- Rabbi Aaron Konikov and Lubavitch of Old Westbury, in a federal First Amendment free exercise lawsuit resolving 34 years of struggles to develop Chabad of Old Westbury. Replaced prior counsel in 2020. Amended the clients' claims, and defeated multiple dispositive motions. Obtained summary judgment declaring facially unconstitutional a religious land use ordinance imposed against the clients for 25 years. The final judgment in 2026 included \$19 million to the Lubavitch, and development rights for a Chabad that will allow a standard-setting facility. Hundreds of families will assemble, worship, attend Hebrew school, adults will study religious texts, and life's milestones will be marked at the Chabad for decades.
- The former CFO of AIG, against self-interested or related party transaction claims based on businesses with overlapping directors; in a Martin Act lawsuit by the New York Attorney General; and in shareholder lawsuits
- International investment funds in an audit malpractice case against a "Top 5" accounting firm for failing to ascertain during multiple audit years that its feeder fund client's sole investment was in a Ponzi scheme

- The Diocese of Rockville Centre, in a federal civil rights lawsuit. The Diocese was prevented for 20 years from developing a sacred ministry – a Catholic cemetery. The Diocese obtained its full entitlement. Its ministry directly will serve up to 250,000 persons. Millions of acts of religious exercise will be possible into the 22nd century.
- Princeton Theological Seminary, in a lawsuit against Rider University involving ownership of the Westminster Choir College campus
- A new bank, in a lawsuit against it and its founding executives. The former bank sought to enjoin the new one. The injunction was denied. The new bank later was sold at a substantial gain.
- A Hall of Fame baseball player, against civil rights and tort claims
- A professional athlete representation agency, in securities and employment claims by its founders
- Pro bono: A movie director, resolving claims that freed him to direct an acclaimed film starring Willem Dafoe. A clubhouse employee during a Congressional and federal investigation, then as a witness in *U.S. v. Roger Clemens*.

### Education

- Temple University School of Law, J.D.
- Carleton College, B.A.

### Bar Admissions

- New York  
*\*Not licensed in NJ; only licensed in NY*

### Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit