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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

- Three insurance and financial services companies and one reinsurer based in Bermuda, on behalf of their Bermuda liquidators, in United States proceedings to recover more than \$700 million of assets misappropriated by their former North Carolina-based owner.
- 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, New York in a federal civil rights lawsuit against the Village of Old Westbury. The Diocese was prevented for 20 years from developing a sacred ministry – a Catholic cemetery – on a former estate in a famous Long Island community. 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 twenty-second 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. See, e.g., *Priore v. The New York Yankees, et al.* 761 N.Y.S.2d 608 (1st Dep't 2003).
- A professional athlete representation agency, in post-acquisition securities law 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 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
- California

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. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- 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