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Practice

Litigation

Eddie is an accomplished litigator and seasoned first-chair trial lawyer with more than 20 years of experience practicing before New York state and federal courts, as well as courts nationwide. Prioritizing excellence and personalized service for every one of his clients, Eddie is a strategic advocate to businesses, company stakeholders, professionals and owners across industries in a diverse range of high-profile complex commercial issues, including:

- Partnership and investor disputes
- Real estate litigation
- Breach of contract and fraud cases
- Intellectual property matters
- Family, trust, and estate litigation
- Regulatory disputes
- Health care litigation

Deeply familiar with New York's court systems, Eddie also brings a nuanced understanding to navigating their unique standards and procedures.

In addition to his experience of more than 20 years in private practice, Eddie also served as a principal law clerk to a Justice in the New York Supreme Court.

Experience

- Obtained a temporary restraining order in Nassau County Supreme Court for a home health care provider, preventing the New York State Department of Health from enforcing an expulsion sanction and ensuring continuity of care for thousands of patients
- Successfully represented the founder and owner of a concrete and rebar business in a multi-week business divorce arbitration
- Successfully represented family business owner of a clothing business in numerous business disputes, including complex family trusts relating to the end of the family business
- Successfully represented a renewable energy investment company and operator in numerous contract disputes with suppliers and business partners
- Successfully represented publicly traded surgical device company in a week-long Delaware Chancery Court trial concerning a dispute with investors over preemptive rights in a private investment in public equity
- Represented a global election technology company in a defamation suit seeking over \$2 billion against Fox News and others
- Successfully represented a group of prominent athletes who were sued derivatively in SoHo real estate venture; obtained dismissal of claims against individual defendants in court and successful result for corporate defendants; litigation and arbitration closely followed and reported in Real Deal Magazine
- Successfully represented celebrity iron chef client in a widely covered case to obtain New York State Supreme Court judgment, interest and legal costs for breach of contract action for unpaid consulting fees
- Successfully defended motion to dismiss derivative claims concerning large Manhattan family real estate portfolio; obtained notable derivative litigation decision in successful appeal in First Department
- Successfully obtained temporary restraining order in shareholder oppression arbitration over family-owned retail business
- Successfully represented co-owner of large Manhattan real estate portfolio in both litigation and arbitration in New York State Court and AAA over a 12-year period
- Successfully prosecuted derivative action in shareholder dispute against well-known billionaire; drafted and successfully argued motion to dismiss and also achieved dismissal of companion action
- Successfully represented prominent California winemaker seeking to compel California public utility to redeem municipal bonds
- Represented high-profile financial industry defendant in three separate defamation lawsuits related to content posted on internet magazine
- Successfully represented selling shareholders of technology startup suing a well-known exchange for breach of merger and escrow agreements; obtained summary judgment dismissing multi-million counterclaim

- Successfully obtained dismissal of all defendants from complex real estate broker litigation
- Conducted 37-day trial in contentious divorce trial involving international witnesses and complex legal issues
- Successfully represented a group of foreign and domestic real estate investors in two litigations seeking to prevent unauthorized sale of condominium units by the developer
- Successfully represented a plaintiff in obtaining a default judgment in federal district court after a two-day hearing as a sanction for destruction of electronic evidence in a dispute among partners in a real estate venture
- Successfully represented a prominent corporate tenant seeking to rescind a multimillion-dollar long-term lease in the SoHo neighborhood of Manhattan on the basis of fraudulent inducement
- Successfully represented a manufacturer of industrial fabrics in compelling an out-of-state dealer to litigate a dispute over its right to sell goods in New York, rather than in the dealer's home state
- Successfully represented a telecommunications broker in commissions litigation against Fortune 500 company
- Successfully represented a plaintiff in obtaining a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction protecting the trademark rights of a clothing design company in a federal district court lawsuit against a prominent international manufacturer accused of breaching license and manufacturing agreements
- Successfully represented a plaintiff in obtaining a temporary restraining order on behalf of investors and managers in prominent New York nightclubs and restaurants in litigation with co-investors over control of their limited liability company
- Successfully prevented a financial institution from appointing a receiver in a foreclosure proceeding concerning commercial property in Brooklyn, NY
- Successfully represented a pharmaceutical company and individual officers in commercial contract litigation over the theft of trade secrets and poaching employees
- Successfully represented a leading New York construction firm in a dispute concerning a major downtown construction project
- Successfully represented a prominent nursery school in high-profile litigation concerning relocation of the school and portability of its finances
- Successfully defended a California-based manufacturer of telecommunications equipment in products liability litigation against the local service providers of telephone services
- Successfully represented a plaintiff in obtaining a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction in New York Federal District Court on behalf of a California-based seller of Voice Over IP technology in copyright litigation against the telephone provider
- Successfully represented the board of directors of an historic New York City cooperative in a real estate dispute concerning construction of unauthorized structures
- Successfully represented the CEO and Chairman of a Fortune 500 pharmaceutical company in major securities fraud, ERISA and accounting irregularity class actions, which included defending against regulatory enforcement and criminal investigations

- Successfully defended a Fortune 500 institutional lending company in complex securities and ERISA class actions
- Successfully represented real estate investment trust in complex anti-takeover litigation
- Successfully represented federal and local providers of legal services to the poor in litigation to recover real estate property

Education

- William & Mary School of Law, J.D.
- Johns Hopkins University, B.A.

Bar Admissions

- New York

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 Second Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court