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PROFILE

Marc is a well-established and nationally recognized trial court litigator who is regarded as one of the “leading litigators” in the U.S. and is among the “next generation” who will “define where the legal profession of our country goes” and “whose leadership will be called upon by businesses and individuals when they face their crossroads” (*Lawdragon*). He is also recognized as one of the top “40 & Under” litigators in the U.S. (*Benchmark Litigation*). Marc’s adversaries have publicly praised his success on behalf of his clients as an “extraordinary accomplishment,” and his matters have received widespread coverage from publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times*, *Fortune Magazine*, and *Forbes*.

Marc’s practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, including corporate governance disputes, contentious restructurings, and structured financial products. His practice includes representing both plaintiffs and defendants in federal and state courts, as well as in arbitration proceedings. Marc also provides advice to clients regarding risk analysis, risk management, and potential exposures. In each of his matters, Marc focuses on achieving his clients’ business and legal objectives efficiently and effectively.

Marc is also a member of the board of directors for the Kunhardt Film Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to distributing free educational media, including documentary films and interviews, concerning social justice, history, politics, the arts, and culture, to schools and communities across the country.

EXPERIENCE

PRACTICES

Financial Institutions and Private Funds
Creditor Rights, Bankruptcy, and Restructuring
Securities and Shareholder Disputes

EDUCATION

The George Washington University School of Law, J.D., *high honors*; *Order of the Coif*; George Washington Merit Scholarship; Member, The George Washington International Law Review; Member, The George Washington Moot Court Board
Dartmouth College, B.A., History

ADMISSIONS

Bars
New York

AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

40 and Under, Benchmark Litigation (2023, 2024)
Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America
Lawdragon’s 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers
Lawdragon 500 X - The Next Generation

Marc's recent experience includes:

- Defending major U.S. airline against putative class claims brought in connection with CrowdStrike outage event
- Defense of a private equity firm against fraud, fraudulent transfer, and other claims brought by a litigation trustee in connection with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Instant Brands Acquisition Holdings Inc. and certain of its affiliates
- Litigation counsel for Ad Hoc Group of 2016 Term Loan Lenders in Chapter 11 bankruptcy for Revlon Inc., et al.
- Co-lead counsel for class of FTX users in MDL captioned as *In re FTX Cryptocurrency Exchange Collapse Litigation*
- Trial counsel for an ad hoc group of convertible noteholders in Chapter 11 bankruptcy for Intelsat S.A., et. al
- Litigation counsel for 2L noteholders in contested plan confirmation in Chapter 11 bankruptcy for LBI Media, Inc.
- Prosecuting claims on behalf of Ad Hoc Group of Noteholders in connection with unpaid backstop fee arising out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy for The Hertz Corporation
- Defending a leading international bank against claims by a competing bank arising out of a credit default swap
- Prosecuting claims on behalf of an institutional investor in connection with a control dispute concerning a highly valued boutique whiskey company

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Co-author, **Del. Match.com Ruling Maintains Precedent In Time Of Change**, *Law360* (April 2024)

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