

PARTNER

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PROFILE

George has extensive experience litigating cases in federal, state, and bankruptcy courts throughout the United States. He has litigated in areas such as securities fraud, False Claims Act cases, class actions, intellectual property, antitrust, civil rights, Native American law, and land use. He has personally argued close to 100 appeals in federal and state appellate courts.

He is Chair of the New York State Advisory Committee on Civil Practice, which advises the Chief Judge and the Chief Administrative Judge of the state on changes in New York's civil practice and has been a member of a number of court and bar association committees. He has been nominated by the New York Judicial Selection Commission for a seat on the New York Court of Appeals four times, twice for the position of Chief Judge.

Before joining the firm, George was a partner in a boutique litigation firm and was formerly a professor of law and the director of the Government Law Center of the Albany Law School.

EXPERIENCE

Among the recent significant litigation matters in which George has been involved are the following:

- Representing several major corporate clients in actions against broker-dealers for securities fraud arising from the sale of auction rate securities



PRACTICES

Appellate
Creditor Rights, Bankruptcy, and Restructuring
Class Actions
Media and First Amendment
Intellectual Property
Commercial Disputes

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D.; Editor, Yale Law Journal; Thurman Arnold Moot Court Prize
Princeton University, A.B., *magna cum laude*, International Affairs; Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS

Bars
New York
District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals: Second Circuit
U.S. District Court: Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court: Northern District of New York
U.S. District Court: Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court: Western District of New York

AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Representing the New York Yankees in litigation relating to a legislative investigation of the construction of Yankee Stadium
- Representing Caesars Entertainment in extensive litigation involving Native American gaming in the state of New York
- Representing a qui tam plaintiff in an action against Trinity Industries for fraud involving the sale of guardrail end terminals that had not been approved by the federal government, resulting in a judgment in excess of \$600 million
- Representing several insurance companies in actions brought against power saw manufacturers for the sale of defective power saws
- Acting as lead counsel in several class actions on behalf of former debtors challenging the practice of various banks that had refused to notify credit reporting agencies that plaintiffs' debts had been discharged in bankruptcy
- Bringing several landmark First Amendment actions challenging censorship of commercial advertising

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Sealing of Court Records in the Commercial Courts, *Commercial Litigation in New York*, 2nd Ed. (2015)

Public Access to Court Records in New York, 66 *Albany Law Review* 1089 (2003)

Integrating SEQRA into the Local Land Use Decision-Making Process, *Government Law Center* (1991)

Testing the Limits of Choice of Law Clauses, 74 *Marquette Law Review* 58 (1990)

Public Access to Court Records in Civil Proceedings, 54 *Albany Law Review* 93 (1989)

A Cautious Approach to Service by Fax, 53 *Albany Law Review* 153 (1988)

Lawdragon 500 Hall of Fame (2025)

Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America

Lawdragon's 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers

Best Lawyers in America (2023-2025)

Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" (2025)

CLERKSHIPS



Hon. Newell Edenfield, U.S. District Court: Northern District of Georgia