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Profile

Stuart concentrates his litigation practice in commercial matters and has extensive experience in all phases of federal and state court proceedings, as well as appellate courts. In addition to Stuart's active litigation practice he also routinely counsels clients pro-actively to avoid litigation.

Stuart's diverse commercial litigation practice includes representing clients in a variety of business disputes ranging from complex breach of contract claims, business torts, fraud, unjust enrichment, unfair competition, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference with contract, defamation, whistleblower claims, partnership dissolution proceedings, complex insurance coverage disputes, disability insurance, Article 78 Proceedings, professional malpractice claims, enforcement of employment agreements, covenants not to compete and non-disclosure agreements and ERISA litigation.

In addition to Stuart's commercial litigation experience, he routinely represents individuals, business, municipalities and colleges and universities in liability based claims, including claims for personal injury, premises liability, products liability, labor law claims, general product failure, toxic torts, motor vehicle accidents, fire loss and construction accidents.

Stuart's active commercial litigation practice is complemented by the work he does as part of the firm's tax assessment, condemnation and property valuation practice. As part of this group, he handles all facets of property tax assessment appeals on behalf of institutional, industrial, commercial, residential, and municipal clients. The types of properties that Stuart has experience with include gas pipelines, manufacturing facilities, utility properties, hotels, warehouses, restaurants, dairies, creameries and residential properties.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation
 - *New York Super Lawyers*®, Business Litigation, 2021-2024
- New York State Bar Association
- Albany County Bar Association
- Justinian Honorary Law Society

Education

- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1999)
- State University of New York at Geneseo (B.A. 1996)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Practices

- Municipalities
- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation
- Tax Assessment, Condemnation & Property Valuation
- Litigation
- Manufacturing

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- Associate Notes and Comments Editor, *Syracuse Law Review*
- Patriotic Employer Award, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), 2022

Representative Presentations

- Litigation Avoidance, Malta Business and Professional Association, October 12, 2016

Other Activities

- 2007 Graduate, Leadership Tech Valley Program
- Volunteer, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast New York
- Board Member, Business Services Corporation of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Albany County Bar Association Mock Trial Competition, Volunteer Coach and Judge
- Board Member, Bethlehem Lacrosse Club, Inc.