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Business Litigation

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Alex Hassid represents clients in complex litigation in federal and state courts and in arbitration. His diverse client base includes large companies, mid-sized manufacturers, foreign real estate investment entities, law firms, and individuals. Alex's broad experience covers all phases of litigation, from inception through trial and appeal, and includes finding creative and efficient ways to navigate increasingly costly electronic discovery. He has significant trial experience in federal and state court and has handled appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Fourth, and Tenth Circuits. Alex regularly counsels clients seeking to avoid costly litigation and routinely spearheads settlement negotiations for those interested in resolving ongoing disputes.

Some of the areas in which Alex has assisted clients include:

- Complex business issues, including fraud-related claims, contract breaches, partnership disputes, RICO, and other business torts
- Government contracts issues, including defending substantial False Claims Act litigation, litigating disputes between prime and subcontractors, and defending trade-secret claims
- Antitrust issues, including prosecuting and defending against price fixing and monopolization claims
- Professional liability claims, including prosecuting and defending legal malpractice claims

Alex's recent engagements include:

- Obtained a favorable settlement and arbitration award in connection with an intra-partnership dispute and alleged breaches of fiduciary duties

- Achieved a favorable settlement (during trial) for several plaintiff producers of foam in price-fixing antitrust litigation
- Obtained dismissal of RICO claims brought against foreign real estate investment entity based on newly issued Supreme Court decision
- Obtained dismissal of legal malpractice claims in state court through early motion practice
- Obtained a favorable settlement for manufacturing client in connection with alleged breach of contract claim by supplier

Outside of his core litigation practice, Alex is committed to providing pro bono legal services, having represented organizations pursuing fair housing claims, submitting amicus briefs on behalf of social justice organizations, defending individuals in landlord-tenant matters, and representing injured veterans seeking benefits. He also leads Blank Rome's annual United Way Campaign for its D.C. office.

Previously, Alex served as an intern for the Honorable Eric T. Washington in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Select Engagements

Business Torts, Fraud, and Contract Disputes

- Represent foreign real estate development company against dozens of fraud-based claims concerning real estate investments in the United States that resulted in dismissal of multiple RICO, state-law, and common-law claims.
- Represented company involved in mass tort space in arbitration involving intra-partnership dispute and breaches of contract.
- Represented foreign real estate development firm in defense of lawsuit brought by major investment fund alleging breach of non-compete.
- Represented educational institution in tenure dispute claim for millions of dollars in damages.
- Defended individual in connection with insider trading and related state and common law claims.
- Achieved favorable settlement for manufacturing client in connection with alleged breach of contract by supplier.
- Successfully settled multiple business disputes arising from leasing issues, contracts for the sale of goods, and subcontracts.

Antitrust

- Represented plaintiff producers of foam in price-fixing antitrust action that resulted in favorable settlement for clients of \$400 million.
- Represented software developer in monopolization antitrust case seeking more than one billion dollars in damages, including through ten-week trial and appeal.
- Obtained favorable settlement for manufacturer of electronic jukeboxes against claims brought under Section 1 of the Sherman Act.

Government Contracts

- Defended major government contractor in multiple federal court actions and arbitration against False Claims Act (“FCA”) claims, trade-secret claims, and joint venture disputes.
- Represented pharmaceutical company in defense on appeal of dismissal of FCA claims.
- Represented local government contractor in non-litigation dispute concerning state-issued procurement.

Professional Liability

- Defended major television manufacturer and seller in breach of contract dispute against its former law firm that also involved prosecuting legal malpractice claims.
- Successfully defended law firm against legal malpractice claims in state court by securing dismissal through early motion practice.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York
- U.S. District Court - District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Education

- State University of New York at Geneseo, BA, magna cum laude
- George Washington University Law School, JD

Recognitions

- 2016–2017, “Rising Star” by Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers
- 2015, 2018, 2020, listed in Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

Professional Activities

Alex is a member of the American Bar Association, including the Antitrust and Litigation sections of the ABA. Alex also is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

