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Business Litigation

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David is a versatile corporate litigator who represents clients across the finance, technology, energy, healthcare, and construction sectors. His practice primarily focuses on:

- complex commercial disputes
- corporate governance
- securities litigation
- government investigations

Before joining Blank Rome, David was a litigation associate at an international law firm in New York City and served in the legal department of a leading nutritional supplements retailer.

During law school, David was an NYU Institute for International Law and Justice Scholar and a senior editor of the *Journal of International Law and Politics*. David also served as a summer law clerk at the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes.

Before law school, David was a research assistant at a U.S. foreign policy think tank.

David is proficient in German and Hebrew.

## Outside The Firm

David lives in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh with his wife and four-year-old son. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking and skiing, playing

sports of all kinds, following college basketball, and reading fiction. David is a particularly big fan of University of Illinois basketball, the Gift of Life Marrow Registry, and Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh.

## Select Engagements

### Commercial Disputes

- An industrial contractor, in a set of commercial and construction litigations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio.
- A multinational entertainment company, in federal litigation against a composer over theme song royalties.
- An energy utility, in federal litigation against a former employee for theft of trade secrets.
- A professional sports league, in a dispute with an equipment manufacturer over endorsement rights.
- A healthcare group purchasing organization, in commercial dispute in JAMS arbitration.

### Corporate Governance, Securities Litigation, and Government Investigations

- A global pharmaceutical company, in shareholder litigation relating to claims of off-label promotion.
- A professional sports association, in a dispute with members concerning fee-shifting bylaws.
- A real estate investment trust, in connection with shareholder derivative and securities actions.
- A major financial services firm, in a regulatory investigation concerning trade reporting under Dodd-Frank.
- A financial services firm, in connection with government insider trading investigations.

## Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New York
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court - Western District of Pennsylvania

## Education

- Columbia University, BA
- New York University School of Law, JD

## Recognitions

- 2012–2013, 2015, Empire State Counsel
- 2013, Golden Gavel Award for Pro Bono Service

## **Professional Activities**

David maintains an active pro bono practice. He recently obtained asylum for an Ethiopian refugee in U.S. Immigration Court. He has also defended a nonprofit school pro bono in state court commercial litigation and represented the City of New York in police misconduct and simple tort actions in state and federal court.