



## Partner

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## Practice Focus

Litigation

## Education

Fordham University School of Law,  
J.D.

Brown University, B.A.

## Admitted

New York

Supreme Court of the United States  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third  
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern  
District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of New York

U.S. District Court for the District of  
Colorado



## Representative Experience

Les is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer, and Managing Partner of the Firm's New York office. His practice focuses on disputes, mergers and acquisitions, liquidations, dissolutions, and bankruptcies. He has broad experience with the full range of valuation, accounting, and ethical issues that typically arise in business disputes. He has litigated issues of first impression and his practice also includes elements of finance, securities, entertainment, employment law, ERISA, real estate, and bankruptcy.

Les has represented and negotiated on behalf of the principals, partners, and senior executives of many of the country's leading investment banks and private equity firms, international and national law firms and accounting firms, broker-dealers, investment banks, hedge funds, and real estate developers.

Respected by courts for his substantive knowledge and professionalism, Les has testified as an expert witness, is a member of the American Law Institute, a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department, and serves on multiple other court committees.

In 2019, he was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the *New York Law Journal* and was named one of the *New York Law Journal's* Inaugural List of New York Trailblazers. He is a frequent analyst on CNN, CNBC, and Fox television, as well as for *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*. He also writes extensively for law journals and leading industry publications, and has lectured for the judiciary, bar, legal associations and law schools, industry organizations, and Harvard Business School. His 1998 book, *Law Firm Partnership Agreements*, which he co-authored, is considered the definitive treatise on the subject.

In July 2017, Les participated in the Aspen Institute's 2017 Justice & Society Seminar, an annual invitation-only seminar co-founded by the late Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun that is composed of 20 distinguished participants from various professional fields.

## Honors and Awards

Honored with 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award by the *New York Law Journal*

Named to the *New York Law Journal's* Inaugural List of New York Trailblazers, 2019

Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers of America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2005-2020, Litigation – Real Estate, 2005-2017

Selected for inclusion in *New York Super Lawyers*, 2006-2008, 2010-2018

AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*

Named, "Legal Elite" in Litigation, *Avenue Magazine*, 2011-2012

Listed, Appellate Practice Group of the Year, *Law 360*, 2011

Listed in *Who's Who in American Law*

Recommended in "PLC Which Lawyer?", 2009

## Publications and Speaking Engagements

Featured, "All-Star Acquisitions: The 25 Biggest Lateral Moves of 2018," *The American Lawyer*, February 3, 2019

Quoted, "Battle Over Howrey Collapse on D.C. Court's Doorstep," *Bloomberg Law*, December 14, 2018

Quoted, "Once Storied Sedgwick Files for Bankruptcy as Wind-Down Fails," *The American Lawyer*, October 2, 2018

Quoted, "Beverly Hills Firm Lures Blank Rome Partner Duo to Expand in New York," *New York Law Journal*, June 19, 2018

## Professional Affiliations and Civic Involvement

American Bar Association

American Bar Association's Section of Business Law

American Bar Foundation Fellow

American Law Institute

Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Board of Directors of Israel Tennis Centers Foundation

Committee on Character and Fitness, Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department

Independent Judicial Screening Committee for the Supreme Court of New York County

Judiciary and Federal Courts Committees for the New York County Lawyers Association

Justice Circle, Aspen Institute

Law Advisory Committee of Fordham University School of Law

National Arbitration Forum's Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators

New York Bar Foundation Fellow

New York State Bar Association

Task Force of the New York State Unified Court System's Pro Bono Scholars Program, which provides law students with the opportunity to dedicate their last semester of law school to performing full-time pro bono service for the poor.