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Education

Lafayette College (BA-1963)
Washington University (JD-1966)

Profession

Commercial Trial Attorney

Current Employer-Title

Halloran & Sage LLP – Partner, Co-Chairman of Commercial Litigation Department

Work History

Partner and Co-Chairman, Commercial Litigation Department, Halloran & Sage LLP

Experience

Represents plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of commercial disputes in federal court (60%), state court (30%), and arbitrations (10%). Recent experience includes representing major manufacturer in a claim against principal shareholder and officer of a corporation based on civil conspiracy and aiding and abetting a conspiracy, CUTPA, RICO and equitable remedies for defrauding creditors. Representation of a large computer software manufacturer in a multimillion-dollar lawsuit involving breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation, fraud, torts, Lanham Act, and CUTPA; representing a major public electric utility in a multimillion-dollar dispute with an inventor dealing with product disparagement, First Amendment claims, and corporate fraud; representing a multi-national named insurance company in the field of bank fraud and corporate fraud by agent; representing a national health insurance company in the field of healthcare coverage, ERISA, and breach of contract; representing shareholders in two separate cases dealing with shareholder derivative actions; representing a large group of healthcare providers in a case involving breach of contract against a stop loss provider; representing a large investor in resulting trust issue with a family member including Uniform Gift to Minors Act; representing a widow in a claim against an independent stock broker, and clearing house, for fraud; and representing a national clothing inventor and designer against a textile supplier who tortiously refused to provide fabric in breach of agreement. Commissioner of the Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission from 1996 to 2000. Awarded the American Jurisprudence award in the field of insurance law while at Washington University.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

- Chairman of a three-member panel in a construction contract case involving construction defects
- Sole arbitrator in a complex medical issues case
- Sole arbitrator in five breach of contract cases in 2005-2006
- Lead counsel for the plaintiff in a multimillion-dollar construction contract case involving many change orders that went into ADR proceedings lasting several weeks
- Acted as arbitrator in several commercial disputes dealing with credit card debts
- Acted as arbitrator in substantial fee dispute cases
- Counsel for plaintiffs and defendants in several arbitrations involving minority shareholder interests, breaches of contract, partnership breaches of duty and numerous commercial disputes of various sizes and kinds
- Special Master in the U.S. District Court
- Member: Academy of Court Appointed Masters

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

ACE005 – Chairing an Arbitration Panel: Managing Procedures, Process & Dynamics
Hartford, 12/05

Arbitrator Roundtable on Discovery: Enough is Enough, or is it?
East Hartford, 10/04

*Arbitrator Roundtable: The Revised Commercial Arbitrator Code of Ethics:
What Does it Mean for You?*
East Hartford, 2/04

AAA Neutrals Conference
Providence, 8/03

ACE001 – Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards
Providence, 8/03

Annual Arbitrator Update 2002

AAA Commercial Arbitrator II Training
Hartford, 2/01

AAA Commercial Arbitrator Training
Hartford, 2/00

Professional Associations

American Board of Trial Advocates (Past Local President; Present National Board of Directors)

Connecticut Academy of Certified Trial Advocates

Connecticut Bar Association (Civil Justice Section, Past Chair)

American Board of Trial Advocates Foundation (Fellow)

American Bar Foundation (Fellow); Defense Research Institute Commercial Litigation Section)

Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Associate Member)

American Bar Association (Section on Commercial and Business Litigation)

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar:

Connecticut

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Certified Civil Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocates, 1982

Publications and Speaking Engagements

“Highlights of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002”

CONNECTICUT LAW TRIBUNE, September 2002

“Protecting Business Assets Under the Lanham Act”

FOR THE DEFENSE, vol. 44, no. 6, June 2002

Numerous other publications on Products Liability, the Connecticut Tort Reform Act, and Jurisdiction