Commercial Litigation

It takes more than aggressive advocacy and trial experience to make a successful commercial litigator. It takes the ability to look at the larger picture . . . to see the client’s business goals and then develop and implement the legal strategy that furthers the client’s immediate and long-range objectives. Litigators at Farrell Fritz include former judges, prosecutors and federal and state judicial law clerks, giving our firm a broad understanding of the judicial system. This background, in combination with years of experience working with some of the region’s leading corporations, has produced a team of attorneys with unique insight into the workings of the judicial system and a practical understanding of the business issues that impact litigation.

Supporting the real estate community

Our deep roots in the Long Island real estate community give us a singular insight into real estate litigation. We litigate real estate disputes involving every conceivable issue, from title and boundary disputes, construction claims and specific performance lawsuits to cases concerning the interpretation of restrictive covenants and other recorded instruments, adverse possession claims and partition actions. In addition to representing property owners, developers, title companies, construction firms and landlords in commercial leasing conflicts, we also litigate brokerage disputes.

Counseling financial institutions

We represent lenders seeking to enforce commercial loan documents and have handled some of the largest and most complex foreclosure and lender liability actions prosecuted through the court system. We routinely advise lenders in cases arising under the Uniform Commercial Code and other statutes regulating banking practices and procedures.

Advising businesses

Decades of experience with commercial litigation issues enable us to advise clients, as well as represent them in partnership and shareholder disputes, breach of contract claims, business torts, antitrust issues, unfair competition, trade secrets and intellectual property cases.
Understanding construction issues
We represent major developers, contractors and lenders in construction-related litigation and arbitration on both public and private projects throughout the New York metropolitan area.

The appellate practice
Our attorneys regularly appear before the Appellate Divisions and the New York State Court of Appeals as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Some recent examples of topics addressed on appeal include:

- Zoning approvals challenged under SEQRA and the Constitution
- Commercial property dispute involving restrictive covenants
- A multimillion dollar real property tax exemption
- The interpretation of ancient real estate deeds
- Disputed responsibility of property owners for environmental condition

Using Alternative Dispute Resolution
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has become a popular way for businesses to resolve differences without lengthy and costly court proceedings. Our litigators are involved in numerous matters involving the representation of clients in arbitration, mediation and other forms of ADR, and several serve on ADR panels in the metropolitan New York area.

Representing creditors
We represent secured and unsecured creditors and other parties in bankruptcy court proceedings, serve as counsel to creditors’ committees, and represent landlords and tenants whose leasehold rights are impacted by bankruptcy filings.

Understanding intellectual property
Our attorneys have litigated copyright and trademark cases in federal and state courts and serve as trial counsel in federal court in complex patent infringement litigation.

Counseling employers
We routinely defend employers in litigation involving the EEOC and State Division of Human Rights proceedings, federal and state lawsuits, arbitrations and mediations.

Defending corporations and insurance carriers
Our litigators represent corporations and insurance carriers in mass tort and products liability litigation, as well as in select personal injury and property damage matters.

An interdisciplinary approach
Our litigators work closely with the attorneys in our Corporate, Real Estate, Environmental and Zoning Departments to ensure that our clients’ needs are respected and met in the most cost-effective way possible. We partner with our clients to successfully advocate on their behalf.