

Practice Areas - Categories of Law

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES - Action arising out of determinations made by state government agencies. Does not include civil rights, education or labor relations.

ARBITRATION & MEDIATION - Matters involving alternate dispute resolution and divorce mediation.

AVIATION - Matters involving civil issues related to operating a vehicle for air travel.

BANKING - Matters involving dealings with financial banking institutions.

BANKRUPTCY - Includes individuals who are unable to pay their debts or have accrued mortgage arrearages and want court ordered protection and businesses (all types) that wish to restructure debts or discharge liabilities under the supervision and protection of the Bankruptcy Court.

BUSINESS RELATIONS - Starting a business, incorporation, purchase or sale of a business, partnership and business agreements, and other business and/or corporate matters. Includes commercial litigation.

CHANCERY LITIGATION - Matters that are generally non-monetary in nature, including, injunctions, restraining orders, shareholder disputes and disputes between partners.

CIVIL ACTION - Personal injury actions including automobile and fall-downs. Does not include malpractice matters. Includes matters relating to the defense of clients involved in actions arising from personal injury/negligence claims and claims arising from the negligence of another party resulting in personal injury and/or property damage to the client. Includes libel, slander and property damage claims.

CIVIL RIGHTS - Individuals who feel their rights or property have been adversely affected by race, creed, color, religion, sex, age or other protected constitutional rights.

COLLECTIONS - Collection of monies arising from a contract. Includes claims that would be heard in Small Claims Court, Special Civil Part Court and Superior Court.

COMPUTER LAW - Computer software agreement violations and Internet security and protection.

CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION - Construction of residential or commercial property disputes.

CONSUMER LAW - Problems arising out of the purchase of goods or services. Does not include personal injury or property damage claims.

CRIMINAL LAW - Individuals who have been charged with criminal matters referred to a county prosecutor and heard in Superior Court. Includes indictable offenses, federal matters and juvenile matters. Does not include municipal court matters.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS - Actions concerning the dissolution of a marriage, spousal support, legal care/ support of children and the division of personal and real property. Includes adoption of a child or step-child, matters where child abuse and/or neglect has been alleged and is being investigated by the DYFS (does not include cases where criminal charges are alleged/pending),

matters where the issue of paternity is being questioned and/or contested, post-divorce litigation, and termination of parental rights.

EDUCATION - Matters involving public school boards, employees, teachers, or students.

ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS - Negotiations, agreement preparation and protection of property rights relating to the arts, entertainment and sports industry.

ENVIRONMENTAL - Matters dealing with potential contamination or pollution of the air, soil or ground water, and/or the procurement of any permits required from environmental protection agencies.

IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION - Matters involving citizenship or residency of aliens.

INSURANCE - Claims against an insurance carrier for denial of benefits.

INTERNATIONAL LAW - Matters where clients require assistance in actions outside the US . Includes domestic relations, child abduction, import/export, criminal and civil matters. Does not include immigration and naturalization.

LABOR RELATIONS & DISCRIMINATION - Wrongful discharge and other labor and discrimination problems within the public and private sector. Includes unemployment compensation.

LANDLORD/TENANT - Disputes between a landlord and tenant or arising out of occupancy of a property.

MALPRACTICE - Claims against a professional, licensed provider of services in connection with their professional opinion, diagnosis and/or treatment. Includes providers of the following professional services: accounting, dental, legal, medical and veterinary.

MARITIME & MILITARY - Matters involving a branch of the United States Armed Forces. Also includes civilian issues related to travel on a body of water and standards of behavior involving a body of water.

MUNICIPAL COURT - Violation of town ordinances, including drug possession (limited amount), disorderly persons, driving while intoxicated, and traffic violations.

PATENT, COPYRIGHT & TRADEMARK - Protection of copyrighting a product, original thought or work product.

PENSIONS & SECURITIES - Claims involving collection of pension benefits and matters related the buying and selling of securities and stocks. Includes actions arising from United States Securities and Exchange Commission investigations.

PRODUCT LIABILITY - Claims for damages resulting from defective products. Does not include personal injury or motor vehicle/lemon law.

REAL ESTATE - Purchase or sale of real property, preparation of lease or resolution of title problems. Includes residential and commercial real estate litigation, municipal tax appeals and matters related to condominium association by-laws and agreements and disputes arising thereof.

SOCIAL SECURITY & DISABILITY - Primarily for matters involving denial of social security disability benefits. Also includes the provision of advice relating to the issue.

TAXATION - Planning and representation at an audit for all state and federal taxes, including, but not limited to, income tax, sales and use taxes, estate and inheritance taxes. Includes tax appeals.

WARRANTIES - Disputes over warranties of goods or services. Includes motor vehicle lemon law matters.

WILLS AND ESTATES - Drafting wills, living wills, durable power of attorney, living trusts, probating, guardianship and conservatorship, and estate planning. Includes disputes over the probation of an estate or will and legal advice, representation or document preparation in matters where the client's status as a senior citizen may require familiarity with protection afforded seniors under the law, i.e., estate planning or deed transfers with special concerns about Medicaid nursing home eligibility issues; advance medical directives (termination of life support); nursing home patient's rights; Medicare denials of payment needing appeal; and power of attorney (where a senior gives power to a friend or relative to make business decisions or medical treatment decisions for him/her).

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - Claims for injuries arising from work place or work related activities.

ZONING & PLANNING - Matters involving the permissible use or construction upon real property which includes variance and site plan applications, zoning interpretations, approval of municipal, county and state agencies such as zoning boards, planning boards, Departments of Transportation and/or Community Affairs.