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Practice Areas

Business & Commercial Litigation

Bar Memberships

New York

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Stephen applies his experience and ability to identify and achieve practical solutions to the complex and technical issues that arise in sophisticated commercial and criminal litigation. His commercial practice focuses primarily on motion practice and appeals in connection with securities and ERISA law, antitrust litigation, and business disputes. In his criminal practice, he represents individual clients through investigations, including those conducted by governmental agencies and offices in New York and New Jersey. His commercial and criminal litigation experience includes trials in various state and federal courts and before alternative dispute resolution tribunals. Stephen also litigates a range of employment and labor law matters, with an emphasis on defending private companies in state and federal court actions involving alleged discrimination, harassment, and retaliation claims. In addition, Stephen's intellectual property practice concentrates on patent litigation in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, where he serves as co-counsel and local counsel to national law firms litigating patent issues in the District of New Jersey under the Hatch-Waxman Act.

Stephen also maintains an active pro bono practice. In partnership with Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, he ensures that veterans and reserve-duty personnel of all branches of the United States Armed Forces receive the benefits to which they are entitled. In addition, and as court-appointed counsel, he assists pro bono clients through parole revocation hearings, tenancy disputes, debt relief, and criminal record expungements.

While in law school, Stephen served as editor of the Seton Hall Law Review and worked with the Impact Litigation Clinic at the Seton

Hall Center for Social Justice, where he represented indigent clients in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Katharine S. Hayden of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and Justice Lee A. Solomon of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Other Info About Stephen

Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, cum laude, J.D.

- *Seton Hall Law Review*, Member

Manhattan College, cum laude, B.A.

Clerkships

Law clerk to the Honorable Katharine S. Hayden, U.S.D.J., United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Law clerk to the Honorable Lee A. Solomon, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey

Courts

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

United States District Court for the District of Connecticut

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Recognition

Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* – Commercial Litigation, 2027

Included on the *New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list, Business Litigation

Professional Affiliations

New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics

Federal Bar Council

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

Essex County Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association, Member

John C. Lifland American Inn of Court

National Institute for Trial Advocacy

Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), Member

Civic Activities

Mentor, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County

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