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David P. Friedman is a Murtha Cullina partner who serves as general counsel to the firm. An accomplished litigator, he represents corporations and individuals in complex commercial and civil cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts as well as in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) proceedings.

Frequently cited as a top-ranked litigator by many of the nation's most prominent legal publications, David represents lawyers, law firms, and owners of small and family-owned businesses. He applies his experience, training and skills to help clients understand their legal positions, prioritize their goals, pursue litigation strategies, and find workable solutions that maximize their resources and minimize their exposure.

David offers the talented counsel clients require when confronted with complex, intractable problems. Honest and forthright, he provides an in-depth, realistic case analysis to his clients and ensures they understand their vulnerabilities and prospects. He regularly handles a wide variety of disputes, including:

- Attorney malpractice claims
- Claims and grievances against attorneys for alleged ethical violations
- Allegations of fraud, theft, breach of fiduciary duties, conspiracy and other alleged improprieties
- Insurance coverage disputes
- Corporate and partnership dissolutions and disputes
- Class action lawsuits
- Contract disputes
- Commercial lease evictions and breaches
- Commercial and residential mortgage foreclosures
- Environmental enforcement actions and other environmental disputes
- Claims due to exposure to mold and other toxic and hazardous substances
- Construction litigation
- Land boundary claims and other real property disputes
- Enforcement of easements and other covenants restricting the use of real estate
- Mechanics lien foreclosures
- Manufacturing and distribution disputes
- Claims for contribution and indemnification

- Claims for breach of non-competition covenants, non-solicitation agreements, confidentiality restrictions and a wide variety of employment matters
- Trade secret claims
- Civil RICO litigation
- Claims alleging unfair trade practices and violations of consumer protection laws

Known for his strong advocacy on behalf of clients in trials and appeals, David is also a veteran of numerous state grievance committee and state agency administrative hearings, arbitrations and mediations. He has represented clients during ADR proceedings and has also acted as a mediator and arbitrator. In addition, he formerly served as an attorney trial referee in the Connecticut Superior Court.

Bar & Court Admissions

- Connecticut
- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Education

- New York University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Stanford University (B.A.)

Recognitions

- Order of the Coif (1983)
- James W. Cooper Life Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation
- Holds an AV Preeminent® Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™
- Listed as a leading Commercial Litigation lawyer in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Commercial Litigation (2017-2024)
- Listed in *Connecticut Super Lawyers*® in the areas of Professional Liability: Defense, Business Litigation and Appellate (2007-2009, 2013-2022)

Memberships

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Connecticut Bar Association, Life Fellow, House of Delegates
- Fairfield County Bar Association, Board of Directors
- Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Board of Directors President

Prior Experience

- Clerk for the Honorable Judith S. Kaye, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals (1986-1988)
- Legal Aid Society, Criminal Appeals Bureau, New York City, NY (1983-1986)

Services

- Appellate
- Attorney Professional Liability
- Business Litigation
- Environmental
- Insurance Recovery
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Litigation
- Probate & Trust Dispute Resolution
- Tort & Product Liability

Industries

- Construction