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Rich Hans leads the firm's Financial Services sector and serves as a trusted advisor to general counsels, boards of directors and executives of our clients seeking solutions to their global issues.

His engagements extend from securities and commercial litigation to representing special committees in internal investigations and derivative litigation.

A Veteran of U.S. Navy, Rich proudly chairs the firm's *Veterans and Military Families Resource Group*.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Corporate
- Finance
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

- Financial Services
- Insurance

- Represented the special committee of a publicly held commercial bank investigating shareholder demands, achieving a highly favorable settlement and resolution of the follow-on derivative litigation.
- Obtained dismissal of securities class action brought against Spanish sustainable energy company
- Obtained rare, voluntary dismissal with prejudice of lawsuit brought by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau against clients arising out of activities in the payday lending industry
- Obtained dismissal on forum non conveniens grounds of lawsuit against U.S. parent of a French manufacturer arising out of 2017 Grenfell Tower fire in London
- Defeated action seeking injunctive relief against lenders to a defaulting U.S. energy company, allowing clients to enforce pledged and other contractual rights
- Obtained summary judgment enforcing margin call against defaulting counterparty in commodities dispute
- Obtained dismissal of claims brought in federal court in New York against a UK-based global bank arising out of a dispute relating to the construction and operation of a Tanzanian power plant
- Obtained dismissal of claims brought in federal court in Louisiana against a UK-based global bank arising out of the collapse of the Fletcher Funds
- Successfully represented the Canadian Creditors Committee in the cross-border Nortel Networks bankruptcy allocation trial, securing

a landmark judgment ordering modified pro rata allocation

- Successfully resolved, for our client - a leading financial services firm -- a consumer fraud lawsuit brought by the New York Attorney General and various investigations and regulatory inquiries by the DOJ, various State Attorneys General (including New York Martin Act investigations), the OTS and Congressional committees

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- New York

Recognitions

- *New York Law Journal*
2022 Distinguished Leader
- *The Legal 500 United States*
2015-16, 2018 - Recommended, Insurance: Advice to Insurers

In 2009, Richard won the Burton Award for Legal Achievement for his co-authored article "Ebb and Flow: The Changing Jurisdictional Tides of Global Litigation," published in the Winter 2008 issue of the *New York International Law Review*.

Richard has been named a Best Lawyer for Commercial Litigation every year since 2013 and has been named a New York Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics*, a peer-reviewed publication, every year since 2007.

Education

- J.D., St. John's University 1993
cum laude
Executive Publications Editor, *St. John's Law Review*
- B.S., United States Naval Academy 1983
with merit

Courts

- All New York state courts
- Supreme Court of the United States
- 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 Eastern District of Michigan
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

INSIGHTS

Publications

- FTC's \$9.8 million settlement holds firm and its principals liable for "consumer protection" violations in transactions with small businesses, 6 May 2021

- Consumer finance regulatory and litigation landscape for 2021, 21 January 2021

Events

- Panelist, New York Legal Market Conference (Sandpiper Partners LLC), December 2021
- Panelist, Leading Law Firms Conference (Sandpiper Partners LLC), December 2020
- Panelist, New York Legal Market Conference (Sandpiper Partners LLC), May 2020
- Panelist, New York Legal Market Conference (Sandpiper Partners LLC), April 2019

NEWS

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "From Military To Law: What Attys Took From Their Service" *Law360*, November 9, 2020