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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. He is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee,

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*.

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- 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

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Admissions

- New York

Tunnustukset

- *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.

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- 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

Legal Services Corporation Veterans' Task Force

6 July 2022

In 2021, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) convened a Veterans' Task Force to address legal issues veterans often face upon leaving active duty and which create barriers to a successful transition to civilian life.

Serving Those Who Served for Us: A Look at Veteran Mental Health

15 June 2022

Richard Hans and Jon Macaskill, a retired Navy SEAL Commander turned mindfulness and meditation teacher, discuss the challenges veterans face as they transition to civilian life.

Why I Lawyer: Q&A with Richard Hans

19 January 2022

Why I Lawyer

The beauty of the law is that it always reminds us that issues and problems that arise in life are rarely simple, and that finding an answer or a solution often requires one to consider all angles. In that sense, being a lawyer has helped me be more reflective and balanced.

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

6 May 2021

The settlement is notable for two reasons.

Consumer finance regulatory and litigation landscape for 2021

21 January 2021

In 2021, the sector may have to reckon with troubled assets while operating in a business environment that may never return to many pre-pandemic practices.

- 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

UUTISET

DLA Piper announces new office and regional leadership

19 January 2022

DLA Piper is pleased to announce changes to its office leadership in Atlanta, Boston, New York, Northern Virginia, Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Juan, Seattle and Short Hills, as well as a change to its regional leadership in Northern California.

MEDIA MENTIONS

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

PRO BONO

- In addition to his pro bono representation of Veterans seeking discharge upgrades, Rich served on the **Legal Services Corporation's** Veterans Task Force, seeking to improve pro bono and other support services for Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Rich serves as pro bono counsel to the Board of Directors of the **Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America**
- Rich serves on the Board of Directors of the **Legal Aid Society of New York**
- In addition to being a Past President of the Board of Directors of the **St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association**, Rich also sits on the Board of Advisors for the school's **Center for Law & Religion**