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Rich Hans is the Managing Partner of DLA Piper's New York Office and Global Co-Chair of the firm's Financial Services Sector. He represents financial institutions and other publicly and privately held firms in complex commercial and securities litigation and advises clients with respect to global compliance issues.

In addition to serving on the firm's Executive Committee, Rich also serves as Chair of the firm's *Veterans and Military Families Resource Group*.

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

- Financial Services
- Insurance

## SIGNIFICANT LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

- Obtained dismissal of securities class action brought against Spanish sustainable energy company
- Obtained voluntary dismissal with prejudice of lawsuit brought by the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau against clients arising out of activities in the payday lending industry
- Obtained dismissal of lawsuit against U.S. parent of a French manufacturer on forum non conveniens grounds 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
- Obtained an anti-suit injunction on behalf of an Australian investment bank barring a party opponent from prosecuting a Mexican lawsuit against clients relating to a Mexico infrastructure fund

- Successfully represented the Canadian Creditors Committee in the cross-border Nortel Networks bankruptcy allocation trial, securing a landmark judgment ordering modified pro rata allocation
- Represented a leading financial services firm in defense of a consumer fraud lawsuit brought by the New York Attorney General and in response to investigations and regulatory inquiries by the DOJ, various State Attorneys General (including New York Martin Act investigations), the OTS and Congressional committees

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- New York

### Recognitions

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 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

### Memberships

- Board of Directors, **Legal Aid Society** of New York
- Past President of the Board of Directors, **St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association**
- Pro bono Counsel to Board of Directors, **Greater New York Councils**, Boy Scouts of America
- Board of Advisors, **Center for Law & Religion** at St. John's University School of Law
- Member, New York City Bar

## INSIGHTS

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### 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

The settlement is notable for two reasons.

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## **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.

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## **Supreme Court finds the restriction on removal of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's single director unconstitutional, but leaves the bureau operational**

7 July 2020

The decision also throws into question the investigative and enforcement actions of the CFPB to date.

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## **Restructuring in an uncertain environment**

18 May 2020

DLA Piper's Thomas Califano, Richard Hans and Rachel Albanese discuss the challenges and opportunities businesses should be aware of as they navigate these shoal waters.

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## **COVID-19: New York and Other Northeast Council states take phased approach to reopening economy**

6 May 2020

These developments raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for businesses operating in the region.

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## **New York state courts permit new filings in "non-essential" matters on May 4, 2020**

5 May 2020

Latest developments impacting the court systems in New York.

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## **Pandemic Response Accountability Committee – Update**

1 May 2020

The PRAC, in conjunction with various agency inspectors general, has emerged at the forefront of nascent oversight efforts for relief funds.

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## **COVID-19: New York State provides new guidance on essential businesses**

13 April 2020

The Guidelines raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for New York businesses.

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## ISDA extends LIBOR consultation deadline to reconsider pre-cessation triggers

25 March 2020

On March 18, ISDA announced an extension of its outstanding consultation on pre-cessation fallback triggers regarding LIBOR transition. This is ISDA's second consultation on pre-cessation fallback triggers, and the new deadline for responses is April 1.

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## Will COVID-19 disrupt LIBOR transition planning? (Global)

17 March 2020

The effects of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on the global economy are causing many to ask whether the timing of the LIBOR transition may also be affected.

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- Co-author, "*Standard Chartered Bank v. AHAB: A New York Court Enforces a Judgment from the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution*," *Bloomberg BNA Banking Report* (February 19, 2013)
- Co-author, "*Mashreqbank-Forum Non Conveniens Loses Out to New York's Compelling Interest in Banking Oversight*," *Bloomberg BNA Banking Report* (November 20, 2012)

## Events

### Previous

#### Risks of the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program

5 May 2020 | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. EST

Webinar

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- 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
- Financial Services Sector client roundtable on personal liability for alleged corporate wrongdoing (November 17, 2015)
- Panelist, "Current Developments in Commercial Division Practice," New York City Bar (May 2013, May 2015)
- Panelist, "2011 PwC Securities Litigation Study," Yale Club (April 11, 2012)

## NEWS

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### DLA Piper announces new US and global sector leadership

22 January 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce several recent changes to the firm's US and global sector leadership teams. They include:

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## MEDIA MENTIONS

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