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Mr. Hecht, Managing Partner of the New York office, has successfully tried civil and criminal cases to verdict and award and argued appeals in a wide range of venues. He has represented clients in construction, complex commercial, products liability, employment, personal injury and criminal cases.

Representative Matters

- Tried case before a federal jury, obtaining a multimillion-dollar verdict, representing construction demolition firm in breach of contract action against national construction management company, concerning tower office building damaged on 9/11.
- Tried case before a federal jury, representing hospital in action against a manufacturer of defective heating and air conditioning system, obtaining \$1.7 million judgment.
- Represented ground transportation companies in putative class action, winning judgment dismissing federal and state labor law claims.
- Represented surety against material supplier's claim under construction payment bond, obtaining defense verdict in state court jury trial concerning the construction of a municipal cruise ship terminal.
- Represented plaintiff curtain wall contractor, obtaining multimillion-dollar judgment against well-known developer; in an unprecedented appellate ruling, the court increased statutory interest to twelve percent per annum.
- Won defense verdict representing municipality in a state court jury trial in a suit brought by general contractor for the renovation of a city hospital.

- Represented surety at trial in state court against steel fabricator's claim in action arising from the repair of bridges on Interstate Highway 95, resulting in no liability for client.
- Co-tried landmark case concerning enforcement of "no-damage for delay" provisions in construction contracts.
- Represented national restaurant chain before federal jury, winning defense verdict in premises liability action.
- Represented defendant entrepreneur in state jury trial, achieving defense verdict against claims arising from the development of co-generation energy projects.
- Represented estate in wrongful death action, resulting in multimillion dollar settlement in case concerning fire in high rise residential building.
- Negotiated high profile public works contracts in connection with the Mario Cuomo Bridge and Kosciuszko Bridge projects.
- Won acquittals in criminal trials and related proceedings.
- Successfully argued many appeals in federal and state court.

Community and Pro Bono

- Town of Mamaroneck Fire Department, firefighter (Ret.), honorary chief, and department counsel
- Town of Mamaroneck, Board of Ethics, member

Education

- New York Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1979
- University of Wisconsin, B.A., with distinction, 1976

Bar Admissions

- New York, 1980

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. Claims Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Member
- New York State Bar Association, Member

Other Distinctions

- Ranked by *Chambers USA - America's Leading Business Lawyers Guide* for construction law, 2012-present
- Rated AV® Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell®
- *New York Law School Law Review*, notes, and comment editor
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Construction Law and Litigation-Construction, 2017-2020
- Noted as a "New York Super Lawyer," 2014-2019

Practices

- Appellate Practice
- Business Services
- Class Action
- Litigation

Industries

- Construction