



STUART M. LEDERMAN

Practice Areas

Litigation
Governmental Affairs
Eminent Domain Law
Construction Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Areas of Emphasis

Ethics
Redevelopment
Real Estate Litigation
Construction
Civil Litigation
Eminent Domain
Health Care
Professional Liability

Overview

Stuart M. Lederman's practice encompasses an unusually broad range in Riker Danzig's litigation and governmental affairs departments. He represents clients in construction, real estate, eminent domain, and civil litigation matters. He also has a significant professional liability practice,



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defending architects and engineers and advising lawyers on ethics matters.

Stuart represents owners, architects and engineers in construction disputes; owners and bidders in bid disputes and debarment issues; and clients that are dealing with government agencies. He also represents government agencies involved in disputes with various parties and advises the agencies in day-to-day operations.

In one of his more well-known cases, Stuart represented the New Jersey Turnpike Authority in matters involving allegations of racial profiling by state troopers. In another, *T & E Co. v. Safety Light Industries Inc.*, Stuart was part of a legal team that established the concept in New Jersey of strict liability for an environmental tort.

When parties come to Stuart for legal help, they receive the benefit of his many years of legal experience. But they also get a common-sense approach to problem-solving. "I don't immediately say, 'Let's bring a lawsuit,'" he says. "I try to have them look at the issue from a business perspective and evaluate how best to proceed."

His clients have included the Perini Corp., Edwards and Kelcey Inc., Bed Bath and Beyond, the State Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, and El Associates Inc.

Best Lawyers in America®, a peer review of U.S. lawyers, has included Stuart on its Best Lawyers list in the fields of Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain, Construction Litigation and Real Estate Litigation since 2007. Best Lawyers named Stuart "Lawyer of the Year" for 2022 and 2015 for Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law in the Newark region; this is an honor given annually to a single attorney in a particular practice area in each region. Thomson Reuters has included him on New Jersey's "Super Lawyers" list for General Litigation since 2006.

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Stuart is a Visiting Associate for the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. He recently spoke on “Ethical Cliffhangers for Trial Attorneys” for NJICLE, “Lost Profits Disputes: Foundation for Reasonable Economic Damages” at the *New Jersey Law Journal’s* In-House Counsel CLE Seminar and “Ethical and Regulatory Considerations for Licensed Engineers in New Jersey” for the American Water Works Association: New Jersey Section.

Education

Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1985

University of Delaware, B.A., with distinction, 1982

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York

United States District Court, District of New Jersey

United States District Court, Southern District of NY

United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Professional Activities

Former Chair, Statewide Panel for the NJ Supreme Court Committee on Character, 2014-2021

Past President, NJ State Bar Foundation

Former Trustee, NJ State Bar Association

Board member, The Pingry School

Former chair, NJ Supreme Court District X Ethics Committee

Former member, NJ Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on the Uniform

Bar Examination

Former Member, Statewide Panel for the NJ Supreme Court Committee
on Character, 2012-2021

Former Member, Statewide NJ Supreme Court Committee on Character,
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