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Experience

Stephen E. Kesselman is a litigation partner in the Business Litigation and Professional Practices Groups at Donovan Hatem. Steve is a seasoned litigator with over 25 years of experience handling professional liability and complex commercial litigation. Steve has represented a broad range of clients, including architects and engineers, Fortune 500 companies, accounting firms, closely-held corporations and individuals, in complex commercial litigation matters in the federal and state courts of Massachusetts and New York. He has handled cases in a large variety of fields, including accountant, architect and attorney liability, class actions, contract, employment, health care, real estate, and securities law matters. Steve also has substantial experience as a successful appellate lawyer and has argued and prevailed before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on a civil RICO matter. In addition, he has served as a party arbitrator in several substantial corporate matters.

Prior to joining Donovan Hatem, Steve was a litigation partner in Long Island, New York's largest law firm, Rivkin Radler LLP, where he defended and negotiated the settlement of billion dollar multi-party actions. Steve started his career in New York City, first as a litigator at the national firm now known as Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and then he co-founded a Manhattan litigation boutique, Brief Kesselman Knapp & Schulman LLP.

Admitted to Practice

- Massachusetts
- New York
- United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Education

- Cornell University Law School (J.D., 1981)
- Cornell University (B.S., 1978)

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Representative Cases/Matters

- 131 Main Street Assoc. v. Manko, 179 F. Supp. 2d 339 (S.D.N.Y. 2002), aff'd, 54 Fed. Appx. 507 (2nd Cir. 2002)
- Cobe Laboratories, Inc. v. IHS of New York, 2001 WL 766986 (S.D.N.Y. July 9, 2001)
- HNY Assoc. L.L.C. v. Summit Resort Properties, Inc., 2001 WL 456250 (S.D.N.Y. April 30, 2001)
- Dauer v. Prudential Ins. Co. of America, 247 A.D.2d 350 (1st Dep't 1998); 237 A.D.2d 228 (1st Dep't 1997)
- Evans v. Israeloff Trattner & Co., 208 A.D.2d 891 (2d Dep't 1994), appl. den., 85 N.Y. 2d 812 (1995)

Articles and Publications

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Consumer Services Sector: Mandatory Arbitration End Threatened, New York Law Journal, November 18, 2005

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Secretly Taped Interviews, New York Law Journal, June 21, 2004

Civil RICO and Equitable Tolling: The Plaintiff Who Hesitates is Lost, New York Law Journal, October 16, 2003