



AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy Adversary Proceedings
- Class Actions
- Consumer Protection
- Contract Disputes
- Employment
- False Advertising
- Fiduciary Liability
- Fraud
- General Commercial
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- Personal Injury
- Life Sciences (Pharma / Biologics / Med. Devices)
- Products Liability
- Securities / Shareholder Disputes
- Torts / Business Torts
- Trademark / Trade Dress Infringement
- Telecom
- Unfair Competition

ADR EXPERIENCE

ADR Office of Chris McDonald LLC, Rockville Centre, NY

2020-Present

Principal

- Leveraging 30+ year career as a litigator, in-house lawyer, mediator, and arbitrator to provide conflict resolution and consulting services, with a primary focus on commercial disputes.
- As a mediator, representative matters settled include scores of cases in a broad range of subject areas, *e.g.*, ADA, attorney malpractice; breach of contract and other commercial; construction; consumer protection; employment (wage & hour and non-wage & hour claims); fraud; landlord-tenant / co-op board-unit owner; personal injury; PII data breach; and securities disputes. In addition to mediating private matters, current mediation rosters include:
 - American Arbitration Association National Roster of Mediators (commercial).
 - American Arbitration Association National Roster of Mediators (consumer).
 - United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
 - United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.
 - NYS Supreme Court Commercial Division, New York County.
 - NYS Supreme Court commercial and/or civil mediation panels for all surrounding counties in and around New York City (2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th JDs).
 - NYS Part 137 Fee Dispute Resolution Program.
 - Nassau County Bar Association ADR Tribunal.
 - NYC Small Claims Court.
 - NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board.
- As an arbitrator, representative matters include serving as chair, wing, or solo arbitrator in dozens of matters, *e.g.*, broker-dealer, licensor-licensee, vendor-customer, accountant-client, attorney-client, and other commercial and consumer disputes. Current arbitration rosters include:
 - American Arbitration Association National Roster of Arbitrators (commercial).
 - American Arbitration Association National Roster of Arbitrators (consumer).
 - Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).
 - NYS Part 137 Fee Dispute Resolution Program.
 - Nassau County Bar Association ADR Tribunal.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Labaton Sucharow LLP, New York, NY

2003-2020 & 1991-1992

Partner (2007-'20), Assoc./Of Counsel (2003-'06), Law Clerk (1991-'92)

- Advised and represented institutional investors bringing complex securities fraud actions, and businesses, associations, and individuals bringing Sherman Act/state antitrust and consumer protection actions. Other matters litigated or investigated include security/commodity market manipulation, company valuations, interpretation of insurance policies.
- Specialized in complex matters involving life sciences industries, including developing viable liability theories through analysis of clinical trial data of pharmaceuticals and biologics; worked extensively with biostatistical, damages / economic, medical / scientific, and regulatory experts.
- Representations included:
 - Lead Counsel, *In re Amgen Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case 2:07-cv-02536-PSG-PLA (C.D. Cal.), \$95 million settlement;
 - Co-Lead Counsel, *In re Schering-Plough Corporation/ENHANCE Securities Litigation*, Case 2:08-cv-00397-DMC-JAD (D. N.J.), \$473 million settlement;
 - Co-Lead Counsel, *In re TriCor Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation*, Civ. No. 05-360-SLR (D. Del.), \$65.7 million settlement;
 - Co-Lead Counsel, *In re Beckman Coulter, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case 8:10-cv-1327-JST (RNBx) (C.D. Cal.), \$5.5 million settlement.
- Post-departure, consulted re interpretation and communication of scientific, medical, and statistical information and concepts in ongoing PSLRA litigation.

MCI WorldCom / WorldCom Inc., New York, NY

1999-2002

Senior Attorney, Law & Public Policy Group

- Represented WCOM before state public utility commissions in the Northeast (primarily the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy, as it was then known) on telecom policy and regulatory matters (adjudicatory and non-adjudicatory proceedings, technical sessions, industry collaboratives), with the overarching goal of creating conditions favorable for the company to engage in facilities-based competition following enactment the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- Representative issues included tariffs/rates generally as well as particularized sub-issues such as cost of capital and depreciation, the timing and quality of services the incumbent carrier delivered to the company, which was both its customer and its competitor, and collocation security.
- Advised business units on legal and regulatory issues. Coordinated strategic messaging with WCOM Government Affairs and Public Relations staff.

Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP, New York, NY

1992-1999 & Summer 1991

Associate, Summer Associate

- Advised and represented corporate and creditor committee clients in commercial litigation. Experience included extensive client counseling, negotiating and drafting agreements, interviewing witnesses, expert reports and prep, taking and defending fact and expert

depositions, brief writing, oral arguments, trial preparation, second-chairing and conducting multiple direct and cross-examinations in SDNY and EDNY executive employment contract trials with successful defense verdicts.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

NYS Supreme Court / NYC Criminal Court, New York / Bronx, NY

1986-1991

Senior Court Officer-Grand Jury Warden, Uniformed Court Officer

- State peace officer. As Grand Jury Warden: coordinated case presentations with assistant district attorneys; preserved secrecy of grand jury deliberations; guarded testifying incarcerated defendants. In uniform: provided security and maintained order and decorum in and around court facilities.

EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY. J.D., May 1992. FORDHAM LAW REVIEW.

Manhattan College, Bronx, NY. B.S., *cum laude*, February 1986. Criminal Justice.

ADMISSIONS / MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted: New York, SCOTUS, 2d, 3d, 4th, 9th & Fed. Circuits, SDNY, EDNY, W.D. Michigan.

Memberships (partial list):

- Vice Chair, New York State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section (2026-'27).
- Chair, Nassau County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (2025-'27).
- Member, NYC Bar Association Arbitration Committee (2024-'27); ADR Committee (2021-'24).
- Member, ACR-GNY.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & PRESS

- NYSBA DR Section, *Building an ADR Practice – Thoughts and Advice from The Trenches*, Panelist, March 10, 2026.
- Nassau County Bar Association, *Dean's Hour: Dispelling Myths and Exploring the Benefits of Commercial Arbitration for Business-to-Business Disputes*, Panelist, December 1, 2025.
- New York City Bar Association, *The Past, Present, and (Possible) Future of Mass Arbitration*, Co-Moderator, May 8, 2025.
- NYSBA DR Section, *Arbitrator Disclosures and Pre-Appointment Interviews: Best Practices for Arbitrators to Protect Against Post-Award Challenges*, Moderator, November 13, 2024.
- Nassau County Bar Association, *ADR for Court Cases in Nassau County*, Moderator, October 24, 2024.
- ACR-GNY, *The Evolution and Impact of ADR in the Courts*, Panelist, October 23, 2024.
- NYSBA DR Section Fall Meeting, *Practice Tips for Mediating Complex and Emotionally Charged Disputes*, Moderator, September 19, 2024.
- NYSBA DR Section, *Arbitration 'War Stories': Cautionary Tales from Panel Members and Counsel*, Moderator, December 14, 2023.
- Nassau County Bar Association, *Dean's Hour: Comparison of Seeking Emergency Relief in New York State Courts and the American Arbitration Association*, Panelist, October 19, 2023.

- New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer, *The AAA's Amended "Modification of Award" Rule*, Fall 2023 | Volume 16 | No. 2.
- NYSBA, *Court-Annexed Mediation and Presumptive ADR*, Panelist, May 6, 2023.
- Nassau County Bar Association, *Dean's Hour: Mediating A Personal Injury Case—A Roundtable Discussion*, Moderator, June 15, 2022.
- NYSBA, *The Habits of Highly Effective Dispute Resolvers*, Panelist, March 1, 2022.
- Nassau Lawyer, *The Best ADR Program You've (Probably) Never Heard Of*, January 2022 | Vol. 71 | No. 5.
- Inside, *Post-Pandemic 'Hybrid' Meetings and Mediations: Paving the Way with Technology and Technique*, 2021 | Vol. 39 | No. 2.
- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers*, September 17, 2019.
- Forbes, *Supreme Court May Hem In But Not Overrule Securities Class Action Theory*, March 5, 2014 (quoted).
- *National Law Journal Plaintiffs Hot List*, March 3, 2014.
- Law Seminars International, *Class Actions and Alternatives for Resolving Aggregate Claims*, Panelist for "Evidentiary Standards: New Supreme Court Cases on When Plaintiffs Need to Prove What, and How They Need to Do That," Boston, MA, June 17, 2013.
- Pensions & Investments, *Supreme Court rules on class action, Gabelli cases*, February 27, 2013 (quoted).
- New York Times, *Merck Settles Suits Over Cholesterol Drug*, February 14, 2013 (quoted).
- Reuters, *Merck to pay \$688 million to settle Enhance lawsuits*, February 14, 2013 (quoted).
- Institute for Law and Economic Policy, *Behavioral Economics and Investor Protection*, Panel Moderator, Chicago, IL, October 5, 2012.