




## Alan Levy

### PARTNER

A seasoned litigator with more than two decades of experience, Alan focuses his practice on the defense of liability matters, commercial litigation, and insurance coverage issues.

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### SERVICES

Commercial Litigation

Insurance Coverage / Reinsurance

General Liability

A partner in the firm's New York office, Alan brings more than two decades of litigation experience focused on the defense of liability matters, commercial litigation, and insurance coverage issues. With extensive trial and appellate experience, he has defended property owners and contractors in a wide range of personal injury and property damage lawsuits arising out of construction. Alan also routinely represents manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in product liability matters, defends premises liability cases, and handles complex business disputes for corporate clients.

Alan's litigation skills enable him to navigate the legal process strategically, achieving the most favorable outcomes for his clients with a balance of assertiveness and practicality. His commitment and strategic approach extend beyond courtroom advocacy, making him a trusted advisor to his clients. Alan has secured notable verdicts and precedential decisions in both state and federal courts, particularly in New York and New Jersey. Recognized as a prodigious author, speaker, and authority on various legal topics, he has contributed to publications such as the *Yale Law Journal*, *New York Law Journal*, and *New Jersey Law Journal*.

### EDUCATION

- Rutgers Law School, J.D.
- Rutgers University, B.A.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York (EDNY)

- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York (WDNY)
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

## PUBLICATIONS

- New York Law Journal – “Good Faith Efforts Required Before Filing Civil Discovery Motions: New York Courts say, ‘We Mean It!’” – Expert Analysis, March 10, 2025
- New York Law Journal – “What do Theodore Roosevelt, Socialite Lizzie Grubman, and Kathy Boudin Have in Common? A Colorful Examination of Motions to Change Venue Pursuant to CPLR § 510(2), Due to Fame and/or Infamy of the Parties.” – Expert Analysis, January 18, 2023
- New York Law Journal – “Navigating the Minefield of Contacting Former Employees of Corporate Parties” – Outside Counsel: Expert Analysis, September 27, 2022
- New Jersey Law Journal – “NJ’s Mode-of-Operation Rule Could Leave Both Sides with ‘Sour Grapes’” – Premises Liability: Expert Analysis, April 8, 2022
- Law360.com – “ADA Suits Against Websites Highlight Statute’s Glitches” – Expert Analysis: Opinion, March 29, 2022
- New York Law Journal – “Who Watches the Watchdogs? The Use of Non-Party IME Watchdogs” – Outside Counsel: Expert Analysis, December 21, 2017; 258 N.Y.L.J. 119 (2017)
- New York Law Journal – “Out-of-Possession Owners and Snow, Ice Liability: Appellate Courts Are Split” – Outside Counsel: Expert Analysis, July 18, 2017; 258 N.Y.L.J. 11 (2017)
- New Jersey Law Journal “Applying Mode-of-Operation in Slip/Fall Cases at Retail Stores” – “In Practice” column, December 29, 2014; 218 N.J.L.J. 11177 (2014)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), For The Defense – “For Product Manufacturers and Distributors, Limited Respite is Found in Statutes of Repose.” December (2010)
- New York Law Journal – “Click it’ or Waive it: A Practical Guide to Using the ‘Seatbelt’ Defense” – *Personal Injury Quarterly*, May 10, 2010; 243 N.Y.L.J. S4 (2010)
- New Jersey Law Journal “The Door is Open Once Again to Product Manufacturers to See the Benefits of the Statute of Repose” – “In Practice” column, April 12, 2010; 200 N.J.L.J. 2 (2010)
- The Yale Law Journal, Pocket Part, “How ‘Swingers’ Might Save Hollywood

From Federal Pornography Regulations: The Sixth Circuit Strikes Down 18 U.S.C. § 2257” – April 28, 2008; 118 Yale L.J. Pocket Part 1 (2008); <http://www.thepocketpart.org/2008/04/28/levy.html>.

- New Jersey Law Journal, “Store Owners Face Difficult Defense In ‘Mode of Operation’ Premises Liability Cases” – “In Practice” column, September 17, 2007; 189 N.J.L.J. 1002 (2007).
- New Jersey Law Journal, “Lewdness Divides Along Delaware River,” “In Practice” column, October 9, 2006; 186 N.J.L.J. 287 (2006).
- New York Law Journal, Perspective, August 25, 2005. “Internet Obscenity Decision Imposes Impossible Burden.” 8/25/05 N.Y.L.J. 2 (2005).
- New Jersey Law Journal, Products Liability & Toxic Torts Supplement; December 6, 2004. “Court Deals Blow to Product Manufacturers: Statute of Repose Provides no Respite to Makers of Products used as Improvements to Real Property.” 178 N.J.L.J. 975 (2004).
- Co-Author – Defense Research Institute (DRI), For The Defense; November 2004. “Navigating Rough Waters: A Guide to Defending Pool and Spa Related Injury Suits.”
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Defense Library Series; 2004 Practice Guide Update, “Daubert” Compendium. “Expert’s Concept: What is the Known or Potential Rate of Error.”

## LECTURES

- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB), Regional Conferences: 2015. “Mediation: From the Insurers’ Perspective.”
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), 2011 Annual Meeting; October 2011. “Defending Building Products in a Complex Construction Defect Claim.”
- South by Southwest Film Festival (SXSW) – Speakers Panel: “The Porn Police: How the Government is Expanding Adult Film Regulations into Hollywood and Independent Film” – March 8, 2008, Austin, TX.
- NYCLE Lecture: “Pursuing Indemnification Claims: Creating Something From Nothing” – August 1, 2007, NY, NY.
- NYCLE Lecture: “Employer Liability and Immunity in New York and New Jersey: Differences and Similarities on Both Sides of the Hudson” – May 11, 2005, NY, NY.

## PUBLISHED DECISIONS

- DeJesus v. Downtown Re Holdings, LLC, 217 A.D.3d 524, 192 N.Y.S.3d 13 (1st

Dept. 2023)

- Naftaliyev v. GGP Staten Island Mall, 204 A.D.3d 932, 164 N.Y.S.3d 871 (2nd Dept. 2022)
- Davey v. PK Benelux, B.V., 2022 WL 1289341 (S.D.N.Y. 2022)
- Chaitman v. Moezinia, 178 A.D.3d 642, 115 N.Y.S.3d 283 (1st Dept. 2019)
- Sonic Automotive, Inc. v. Chrysler Ins. Co. et al., 2014 WL 1382070 (S.D. Oh. April 8, 2014)
- Gupta v. Leung, 2012 WL 6027696 (N.J. App. Div. 2012)
- Delvalle v. Mercedes Benz USA, LLC, 94 A.D.3d 942, 942 N.Y.S.2d 204 (2nd Dept. 2012)
- Pedroli v. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, 94 A.D.3d 842, 944 N.Y.S.2d 150 (2nd Dept. 2012)
- Sonic Automotive, Inc. v. Chrysler Ins. Co., 2011 WL 2748612 (S.D. Ohio 2011)
- Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty, N.A. v. Sacks, 2010 WL 3733915 (S.D.N.Y. 2010)
- First Trenton Indem. Co. v. Chrysler Ins. Co., 2010 WL 3740841 (D.N.J. 2010)
- Schenck v. Crompton Corp. Severance Plan, 2008 WL 682241 (D.N.J. 2008)
- Culbert v. City of Jersey City, 175 N.J. 286, 814 A.2d 1094 (2003)
- Jumpp v. City of Ventnor, 177 N.J. 470, 828 A.2d 905 (2003)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member – Defense Research Institute (DRI), Former Chair – Building Products Liability Committee
- Member – Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)