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Greg brings extensive experience in complex commercial litigation and high-stakes class actions to defend clients in the financial services and fintech sectors. He helps them navigate and resolve intricate legal challenges.

OVERVIEW

With a deep focus on complex commercial litigation, class actions, bankruptcy, and arbitration, Greg serves clients predominantly in the financial services and fintech sectors. His clientele includes investment, commercial, and retail banks, insurance companies, structured finance entities, and fintech firms. Greg is well-known for handling high-stakes class actions and antitrust litigations, particularly involving benchmark price fixing, securities law violations, and unfair competition.

Greg helps clients navigate and resolve their most complex legal challenges to avoid costly litigation. His responsive and meticulous approach offers clients tailored solutions that help safeguard their interests in an increasingly digital and regulated environment.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Class Actions and Antitrust

- Defends clients in all types of class actions and antitrust cases relating to financial service products, including student loan trusts, consumer financial products, and related issues.
- Represents a large financial institution in numerous class actions involving alleged manipulation of LIBOR and other financial benchmarks (EURIBOR, YEN LIBOR, ISDAFIX).

Business Technology and e-Matters

- Counsels clients on all issues relating to electronic records management, e-signatures, e-contracting, e-records, e-admissibility, e-vaulting, and eDiscovery in accordance with ESIGN, UETA, and the rules of evidence.

TROs/Preliminary Injunctions/Restrictive Covenants

- *NYCB v. Pourro and Murphy*, Sup. Ct. Nassau County, NY. Defended bank executives from a TRO/preliminary

injunction action brought by clients' former employer alleging breach of restrictive covenants.

- *BMC Software v. Sharpe*, Sup. Ct. New York County, NY. Represented BMC Software in a dispute involving the breach of restrictive covenants and the theft of trade secrets by multiple BMC New York sales representatives.

Administrative Proceedings

- Represented clients before the New York State Department of Insurance on licensing and related issues.
- *Secretary of Labor v. U-Haul*, OSHRC. Litigated nine OSHA citations (repeat, serious, and other classifications) and the corresponding fines, which were all resolved through a settlement agreement dismissing three citations, reclassifying three serious citations to the other, and reducing the total fine paid by the client by more than 95%.
- Represented parties in several SEC investigations relating to allegations of potential misconduct by financial service companies and their employees.

Contract and Insurance

- *Unity Management and Decter v. Select Ins. Co.*, Sup. Ct. N.Y. Co. Obtained dismissal of claims seeking coverage (\$2.83 million), punitive damages, and attorney's fees under an investment advisors' insurance policy by the insured company and one of its directors.
- *Minnesota Life Insurance Company v. Wilmington Trust Company*, East. Dist. of TN. Defended Global Fund House in a claim against an estate alleging that the purchase and assignment of several life insurance policies were ineffective. Global Fund House's motion to dismiss was granted against the estate.

Reported Decisions

- *In re Golden*, 596 B.R. 239 (E.D.N.Y Bank. 2019).
- *Contant v. Bank of America Corp.*, 385 F. Supp. 3d 284 (S.D.N.Y 2019).
- *Michelo v. National Collegiate Student Loan Trust 2007-2*, 419 F. Supp. 3d 668 (S.D.N.Y 2019).
- *Bayerische Hypo-Und Vereinsbank AG v. HSBC Bank USA, N.A.*, 144 A.D. 3d 501 (NY App Div, 1st Dep. 2016).
- *In re LIBOR-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation*, 935 F. Supp. 2d 666 (S.D.N.Y 2013).
- *Ahmad Hamad Algosaibi & Bros. Co. v. Standard Chartered Intern. (USA) Ltd.*, 785 F. Supp. 2d 434 (S.D.N.Y 2011).
- *City of New York v. Tavern on the Green, L.P.*, 427 B.R. 233 (S.D.N.Y 2010).
- *PBM Products, LLC v. Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.*, 678 F. Supp. 2d 390 (E.D.V.A 2009).
- *In re Currency Conversion Fee Antitrust Litigation*, 224 F.R.D. 555 (S.D.N.Y 2004).

AWARDS

- BTI Consulting Group, Client Service All-Star (2020)
- *Super Lawyers®* New York Metro, Business Litigation (2020-2021, 2023)
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Navy Achievement Medal – Defense Counsel
- Navy Commendation Medal – Prosecution Counsel

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- Business Litigation

- Class Action
- Financial Services
- Privacy + Cyber

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- Antitrust
- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Financial Services
- Financial Services Litigation
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Labor + Employment
- Litigation + Trial
- Payments + Financial Technology
- Privacy + Cyber
- Student Lending
- White Collar Litigation + Investigations

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Member, New York State Bar Association Federal and Commercial Litigation Section and Intellectual Property Section
- Member, Trial Law Institute
- Member, Diversity Law Institute
- Barrister, Order of Juris
- Member, South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame
- Neutral, New York Supreme Court, Commercial Division Mediation Program (2006-2014)
- Board member, Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency
- Board member, Suffolk County Economic Development Corp

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps, 1997-2000; received the Navy Achievement Medal as a defense counsel and the Navy Commendation Medal as a trial prosecution counsel.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Naval War College, Command and Staff Diploma, 2000
- Boston University School of Law, J.D., 1996, managing editor, *Boston University International Law Journal*; Paul J. Liacos Scholar
- Boston University, B.S., B.A., 1992, Dean's List; full wrestling scholarship

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Massachusetts

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- Supreme Court of the United States

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, “From Outside Counsel to In-House Counsel and Back!” In-House Connect, November 8, 2022.
- Speaker, “Exit Strategies for Major Employment and Commercial Disputes; Conducting Effective Internal Investigations,” Locke Lord, June 8, 2021.
- Speaker, “Taking a Fresh Look at E-Signatures, E-Delivery and E-Contracting,” Locke Lord, April 29, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, “The State of New York Courts During COVID-19, Revisited,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, May 17, 2021.
- Author, “The State of New York Courts During COVID-19, Continued,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, June 2, 2020.
- Author, “The State of New York Courts During COVID-19, Continued,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, May 12, 2020.
- Author, “The State of New York Courts During COVID-19, Continued,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, April 21, 2020.
- Author, “The State of New York Courts During COVID-19,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, April 14, 2020.
- Author, “As Companies Seek Alternative Ways to Sign Contracts and Other Records During COVID-19 Pandemic, E-Processes Take Center Stage,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 18, 2020.