

Harold A. Kurland, Partner

Practice Focus & Experience

Mr. Kurland's practice all relates to civil litigation, primarily contract and commercial litigation, construction, mediation and arbitration, and professional liability defense. He has extensive jury trial experience, and has tried over 50 cases to verdict in jurisdictions across New York State, in California (Superior Court, LA County), and in Connecticut (U.S. District Court, New Haven). He also has briefed and argued cases in the New York Court of Appeals, the First and Fourth Departments of the Appellate Division, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Western, Northern, and Southern Districts of New York. Mr. Kurland also has substantial experience as a neutral, and has arbitrated many cases and mediated more than 90 disputes.

Mr. Kurland is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was a partner of Ward Norris Heller & Reidy LLP from May 2000, when he helped establish the firm, until April 2010, when it became Ward Greenberg. From 1985 until April 2000, he was a partner of Nixon Peabody LLP and its predecessor, Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle LLP, which he joined as an associate in 1976.

Education

- Cornell Law School, J.D., cum laude, 1976
 Article Editor, Cornell Law Review
- Dartmouth College, A.B., cum laude, with highest distinction in history, 1973

Bar Admissions

- New York State, 1977
- District of Columbia, 1977

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the D.C., Second, and Third Circuits



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Practice Areas

BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL LITIGATION
CONSTRUCTION
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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U.S. District Courts (All districts of New York, D. C., M.D. Pa., N.D. Texas)

Professional Activities & Memberships

- American Bar Association (Litigation Section; Construction Industry Forum)
- New York State Bar Association (House of Delegates, 2008-11; Committee on Professional Ethics)
- Monroe County Bar Association (President, 2009-10)
- Rochester Inns of Court (Past President and Master)
- Advisory Committee on Civil Practice, N.Y. Office of Court Administration
- American Arbitration Association (Mediator;
 Commercial and Construction
 Arbitrator; Instructor, Commercial Arbitration)
- National Association of College and University Attorneys

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Associate, American Board of Trial Advocates
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Fellow, New York Bar Foundation
- Listed in Best Lawyers
- Listed in Super Lawyers, Upstate Top 50
- Martindale-Hubbell AV rating
- International Mediation Institute, Certified Mediator

Community Activities

- Volunteer Legal Services Project, Inc. (Member, Board of Directors)
- Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc. (Past Chair, Board of Directors; Member, Governance Committee)
- Board of Directors, RPO Fund, Inc. (Past Member)
- Dartmouth Club of Rochester (Past President)

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