



Zachary S. Beal

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Litigation

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Zachary Beal represents corporate clients, financial institutions and individuals in high-stakes commercial litigation and complex antitrust matters. He handles sophisticated disputes across state and federal courts, with experience spanning contractual disputes, financial services litigation, real estate matters and international commercial disputes. He also counsels clients on critical antitrust issues, with a particular focus on pre-merger filings under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, ensuring clients achieve the regulatory clearance needed to close on transactions.

Strategic approach to complex issues

Zack's litigation practice encompasses a wide range of high-stakes matters for clients across industries, including financial services, manufacturing, real estate, technology, health care and energy. His experience spans commercial contract disputes, real estate litigation, employment matters, financial services disputes, antitrust litigation and complex fraud litigation.

Zack has served as lead counsel for one of the world's largest industrial gas companies in litigation against the Russian Federation's state-owned gas company. The case stemmed from the unlawful seizure of assets in Russia, raising novel geopolitical issues involving global sanctions and the property rights of foreign businesses.

Zack is well-versed in handling complex financial fraud litigation, such as matters stemming from the Madoff bankruptcy. These cases require navigating international corporate restructuring, cross-border discovery and multiparty coordination. When matters involve international dimensions, he coordinates effectively with foreign counsel to navigate cross-border discovery and jurisdictional issues. Additionally, he has guided clients through multiparty mediations, securing favorable outcomes in high-stakes disputes.

Clients value Zack's ability to understand the big picture while maintaining meticulous attention to detail. Whether handling complex contractual disputes, financial services matters, real estate litigation, antitrust inquiries

Practices

- Antitrust and Competition
- Appeals and Critical Motions
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Litigation and Counseling
- Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Education

- JD, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
- BA, Tulane University, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Eastern District of New York
- US District Court, Southern District of New York

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Antitrust Section

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or employment cases, he focuses on providing thoughtful and practical resolutions tailored to each client's business objectives and goals.

Guiding clients through regulatory clearance

An insightful counselor on antitrust matters, Zack helps clients navigate pre-merger filings under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, including but not limited to the health care, transportation, manufacturing, technology, automotive, finance and real estate industries. He works closely with clients to ensure they achieve the regulatory clearance needed to close transactions efficiently.

Commitment to pro bono service

Zack maintains an active pro bono practice that reflects his commitment to giving back to the community. He has successfully represented a century-old New York cultural institution in defending against predatory Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) litigation that threatened to close the family business, securing a complete dismissal with prejudice. He has secured asylum for a Cuban refugee fleeing government persecution and annually coaches the Townsend Harris High School moot court and mock trial teams, mentoring students in complex legal analysis and advocacy skills.

Prior to joining Katten, Zack worked at a national law firm, representing insurers in complex insurance litigation. While attending law school, Zack served as executive editor of the ADR Honor Competition Team and associate editor of the Art & Entertainment Law Journal. He also served as Student Bar Association president of Cardozo Law School.

Representative Experience

- Successfully secured court approval for alternative service on Russian state-affiliated defendants under Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, navigating Russia's suspension of international service conventions.
- Represent numerous financial institution defendants in complex Madoff-related litigation involving subsequent transfer claims worth tens of millions of dollars.
- Successfully obtained multiple favorable judgments after oral argument before New York State Court for financial services client.
- Represent healthcare company in responding to FTC's Second Request antitrust inquiry.
- Successfully obtained dismissal of all tort claims through motion practice in employment litigation matter.

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- Represented high-net worth individual in complex real estate litigation involving extensive motion practice, and achieving favorable resolution.
- Successfully defended century-old family-owned butcher shop against federal ADA lawsuit brought by serial plaintiff, securing voluntary dismissal with prejudice through aggressive motion practice and Rule 11 challenges.
- Secured asylum for a Cuban refugee fleeing government persecution by successfully arguing motion to remand before Board of Immigration Appeals after previous counsel's representation resulted in denial.

Antitrust and Regulatory

- Various hospital systems in their acquisitions and sales of hospitals and physician practices.
- Numerous private equity clients in their acquisitions and sales of portfolio companies operating across the entire US economy.
- Investor groups in acquisitions of several MLB and NBA franchises.
- A Japanese pharmaceutical company in its acquisition of a US pharmaceutical company.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP Pro Bono Service Award
 - 2025

News

- Katten Announces 2025 Pro Bono Service Award Recipients (October 22, 2025)
- Katten Authors Receive Top Honor in Mondaq's Spring Thought Leadership Awards (May 13, 2025)
- Katten Team Represents Perdoceo Education Corporation in Acquisition of University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (December 20, 2024)
- Katten Represented Sawai Group in its Sale of Upsher-Smith to Bora Pharmaceutical Holdings (January 23, 2024)
- Katten Represents Buyers Acquiring Controlling Ownership Interest in Dallas Mavericks (January 4, 2024)

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- *Global M&A Network* Honors Katten's Insolvency and Restructuring Team With Turnaround Atlas Awards (August 11, 2022)
- Katten Insolvency and Restructuring Team's 2021 Achievements Recognized with *M&A Advisor Awards* (June 13, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Help Drive \$3.2 Billion US Car Dealership Deal (October 6, 2021)

Publications

- FTC Reverts to Prior HSR Form After Fifth Circuit Denies Stay Pending Appeal (March 23, 2026)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 31 (October 2024)
- Premerger Filing Requirements Under Hart-Scott-Rodino Set to Expand Significantly (October 14, 2024)