



Eliot Lauer

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An adept and accomplished litigator and trial lawyer, Eliot Lauer's clients come to him with their most complex civil and criminal matters in federal and state courts. Eliot is a seasoned appellate advocate at the state and federal level, where he draws on a wealth of regulatory experience with tax and accounting issues, antitrust and securities law disputes and white collar and commercial claims.

'Smart, sophisticated' lawyer, counselor and negotiator at the trial and appellate levels

As creative as he is dogged, clients describe Eliot as a "smart, sophisticated lawyer" with "extremely good judgment." His experience spans trial and appellate courts, where he has tried civil and criminal cases involving mail and wire fraud; tax fraud; false statements to state and federal agencies; commodities fraud; transactions in government securities and commodity futures; market manipulation, accountants' and other professionals' liability; false advertising; contract and agency disputes involving real estate; product liability; and other commercial transactions.

Clients also call on Eliot to handle proceedings conducted by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), state attorneys general, state accountancy boards and other agencies. He is well-versed in litigation relating to bankruptcy proceedings and in matters before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He has extensive experience in arbitration and has represented clients in multiple domestic and international arbitrations and mediations of diverse commercial disputes.

Eliot has served as counsel to special board committees, including audit committees, and in connection with independent investigations of internal corporate affairs. Specifically, he routinely evaluates and defends fraud, negligence and statutory claims, including in class actions, against corporate issuers, directors and accountants in matters relating to audits and presentation of financial statements and related corporate disclosures.

Practices

- Antitrust and Competition Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Litigation
- White Collar and Internal Investigations

Education

- JD, Fordham University School of Law, *cum laude*
- BA, Yeshiva University

Bar Admissions

- New York
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- US District Court, Southern District of New York
- US District Court, Eastern District of New York

Professional & Community Involvement

- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Federal Bar Council
- New York State Bar Association

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For many years, Eliot was an active member of the arbitration panels of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and several industry bodies.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
- *Benchmark Litigation*
 - Local Litigation Star
- *Chambers USA*
 - Litigation: General Commercial - New York, 2016-2019
- *Super Lawyers*
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2006–2026

News

- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)
- Commercial Lit Team Draws Coverage From *Reuters*, *American Lawyer*, *Law360* and More (January 11, 2023)
- Katten Lands Talented Litigation Team in New York (January 10, 2023)

- The Association of the Bar of the City of New York