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## EXPERIENCE

### **Levin Ginsburg – Partner** May 2017-Present

- **Chairman Commercial Litigation Department**

I am a member of the firm's Management Committee and have been chair of the department since shortly after my arrival at the firm. In my practice, manage a group of litigation attorneys and I routinely develop litigation strategies, conduct negotiations, arbitrate, mediate, take depositions, draft pleadings, revise other attorney's pleadings, argue dispositive motions and first-chair trials in both state and federal court. Additionally, I take an active role in mentoring and advising young lawyers in their professional development. I have tried approximately 100 cases to verdict.

### **Beermann Pritikin Mirabelli Swerdlove LLP – Partner** June 2010-May 2017

- **Chairman, Business and Commercial Litigation Group**

I was chair of the department since shortly after my arrival at the firm. In my practice, I routinely developed litigation strategies, conducted negotiations, arbitrated, mediated, took and defended depositions, drafted pleadings, revised other attorney's pleadings, argued dispositive motions and first-chaired trials in both state and federal court. As department chair, in addition to working on cases both alone and with other attorneys, I performed administrative duties typical of mid-size law firms. I have tried approximately 100 cases to verdict.

### **Ottenheimer Teplinsky Rosenbloom LLC – Partner** July 2004-June 2010

- **Founding Partner**

My two partners and I founded the commercial law firm in 2004. I oversaw the commercial litigation practice. We had an active practice in both Lake and Cook Counties. During this time, in addition to continuing my commercial litigation practice in both state and federal courts, I developed the administrative skills necessary to operate a successful small law firm. During this time, I was invited to lecture before the Chicago Bar Association regarding the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in *Brill v. Countrywide Home Loans*, in which I successfully argued in a case of first impression that the Class Action Fairness Act permitted removal of claims under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") to federal court. Until that decision, courts nearly universally had held that state courts had exclusive jurisdiction under the TCPA.

### **Seidler & McErlean – Partner** March 1996-July 2004

- **Founding Partner**

Shortly after becoming a partner at Rudnick & Wolfe, the predecessor firm to DLA Piper,

I, along with the two senior partners with whom I worked, left the firm to form a commercial litigation boutique. We practiced extensively in state and federal court as well as the American Arbitration Association. Our client base spanned many industries including, franchising, banking, leasing and commercial real estate.

**Rudnick & Wolfe – Associate and Partner** March 1988-March 1996

- **Commercial Litigation Associate, Partner and Hiring Committee Member**

As a commercial litigation associate, I learned the skills of practicing in a sophisticated ated commercial practice. While at Rudnick & Wolfe, I also participated in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy programs in both trial advocacy and depositions.

LEGAL EDUCATION

**The John Marshall Law School**  
1988

J.D. February

- **Graduated with Distinction**

While going to law school and graduating with Distinction, I was also Executive Editor for Student Publications of the John Marshall Law Review. In addition to getting my own note published, I assisted and mentored younger students with editing and preparing their articles for possible publication. I was a recipient of the Herzog Scholarship and a member of the Order of John Marshall.

**DePaul Law School Center for Dispute Resolution**

In 2013, I completed Professor Dutenhaver’s 40 hour course on mediation. I am on the roster of mediators in the Cook County Circuit Court’s Law and Chancery Divisions.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois (1988)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1988)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Trial Bar (1990)

RELATED AREAS AND LEGAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**The UIC/John Marshall Law School**

August 2017 – Present

- Adjunct Faculty member

Since the fall of 2017, I have been teaching Deposition Practicum, a skills-based course in which students learns the fundamentals of taking and defending depositions.

**Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission** February 2015 - Present

- Chairman ARDC Inquiry Board panel.

**The John Marshall Law School**

- Trial competition coach

**American Bar Association Moot Court Competition** 2011-Present

**Chicago Bar Association**

- Federal Trial Bar course instructor 2007

**Leading Lawyer** 2013-Present

**Super Lawyer** 2014-Present

**A/V Rated by Martindale-Hubbell**

**PUBLICATIONS**

*“Douglas v. Hustler Magazine, Inc.: Anatomy of Privacy for a Public Figure in Illinois,”*  
19 J. Marshall L. Rev. 1053 (1986)

*“Privileges: How to Uncover the Facts,”* Co-authored with William M. McErlean  
American Bar Association Litigation Magazine, Vol. 23, No. 2 (Winter 1997)

*“Training an Associate: Garbage In, Garbage Out,”* Co-authored with William M. McErlean  
American Bar Association Litigation Magazine, Vol. 24, No. 3 (Spring 1998)