

Ira Brad Matetsky is a partner and member of all of the firm's litigation practices as well as the Cooperatives and Condominiums Practice.

Mr. Matetsky, a seasoned trial and appellate attorney, has resolved hundreds of complex commercial, contract, real estate, securities, and employment disputes. He has litigated and arbitrated shareholder conflicts, product liability and class action lawsuits, as well as executive compensation and non-competition matters.

Mr. Matetsky's prior experience as senior counsel at a major international food and beverage company informs his approach to cases and clients. He draws upon that ground-level perspective to design strategies and tactics that yield the best possible outcomes.

Mr. Matetsky writes and edits a number of publications devoted to the finer points of legal practice and also authors the firm's monthly newsletter. He is regularly cited as a legal expert by media sources including CNBC, Vanity Fair, The Washington Post, and The National Law Journal.

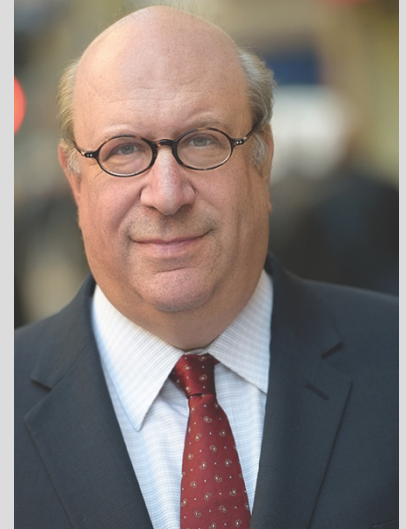
Mr. Matetsky has authored several articles in legal periodicals, including "General Counsels for New York Law Firms – An Idea Whose Time Has Come," published in the New York State Bar Journal. He is the editor-in-chief of the Journal of In-Chambers Practice, the successor publication to In-Chambers Opinions by Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States and is a Master of the New York American Inn of Court.

Outside of the courtroom, Mr. Matetsky has applied his considerable dispute resolution skills as one of 15 elected members – and the longest-serving member – of Wikipedia's Arbitration Committee.

Before joining Ganfer Shore Leeds & Zauderer, Mr. Matetsky served as Co-General Counsel at Goya Foods, Inc. Prior to his in-house work, he was a member of the commercial and securities litigation practice at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Representative Cases

- Coordinated litigation, as lead counsel, in jurisdictions including the United States, Israel and Curaçao (former Netherlands Antilles) for a group of minority shareholders in an Israeli-headquartered earth-observation satellite company
- Represented an iconic comic-book writer and editor in intellectual property matters in New York and California
- Represented New York City cooperatives and condominiums in various litigations, including a suit by a group of tenant-shareholders which sought to enjoin a renovation project, a suit by a tenant-shareholder who sought to enjoin the cooperative from paying for necessary repairs, and disputes concerning governance and elections



Practice Areas

- Cooperatives and Condominiums
- Real Estate Litigation
- Securities Litigation
- Employment Law
- Business Litigation

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 1987)
- Princeton University (A.B., 1984)



- Represented companies and employees in disputes concerning executive compensation, benefits, and non-competition agreements
- Represented a New York City condominium in litigation against a commercial unit owner as to a common charge dispute
- Represented a brokerage firm in defeating a claim by a former broker over calculation of employment compensation
- Represented a privately held corporation in defense of industry-wide, multidistrict products-liability claims
- Represented independent directors of a public corporation against class-action shareholder claims
- Represented an international food and beverage company in multi-jurisdictional contract, corporate, and inheritance litigation (including proceedings in federal and state courts in New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico), resulting in dismissal of all claims and recovery of more than \$6 million in attorneys' fees and litigation expenses.

Admissions

- New York (1987)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (1988)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York (1988)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit (1994)
- U.S. Supreme Court (1995)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit (1999)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit (1999)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit (2000)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit (2002)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York (2007)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (2012)

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association, Litigation Section; Federal Bar Council
- New York State Bar Association, Commercial and Federal Litigation Section
- New York City Bar Association
- New York County Lawyers Association
- Master and Member, New York American Inn of Court
- Member, and Vice President, Board of Education, Baldwin Union Free School District, 1983-1989