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SERVICES

Litigation
Shareholder Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Construction
Financial Services
Real Estate
Technology and
Manufacturing

Steven N. Malitz is a member of the Firm's Executive Committee, and the trusted advisor and general counsel to highly successful entrepreneurs. Steven has obtained many victories in over 70 trials, arbitrations, appeals, and mediations in the following matters:

- Contract and fraud disputes
- Shareholder disputes including injunctions, fiduciary duty, oppression, accounting and buyouts
- Creditors' rights matters including collections and fraudulent transfer litigation
- Employment matters including restrictive covenants, termination, trade secrets and discrimination
- Real estate litigation including broker representation before IDFP, specific performance, rescission, quiet title, defects, leasing, construction, and premise liability
- Intellectual property matters including trademark, copyright, and licenses

STEVEN PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING VALUE TO HIS CLIENTS:

- Your point person, on-call 24/7, with rapid-fire turnaround
- Full-service, one-stop counseling through niche practice teammates
- Equity partner at century-old law firm, plugged-in to the business, legal, and political communities
- Law professor, bar group leader, Continuing Education Instructor, and published author
- Though armed for litigation, emphasizes litigation avoidance and cost savings through alternative dispute resolution, by studying your business, and by drafting solid contracts
- Adds value by providing industry information and legal updates, and by connecting entrepreneurs

EXPERIENCE

Employment Litigation

- Obtains injunctions against employees and competitors who breach restrictive covenants, interfere with contracts, steal trade secrets, divulge confidential information, and solicit and divert customers and employees.
- Successfully defends companies against claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wrongful termination.

For Employment Litigation victories, [click here](#) .

Shareholder Litigation

- Obtains damages, injunctions, and expels rogue shareholders who misappropriate company assets, breach fiduciary duties, usurp corporate opportunities, and compete against the company.
- Where partners are dead-locked or ownership rights are in question, successfully litigates and negotiates stock purchases (where his client retains the business as the sole operator) or buy-outs (where his client sells his interest and pursues other opportunities).

For Shareholder Litigation victories, [click here](#) .

Commercial Litigation

- Obtains and collects millions in money judgments in breach of contract and UCC cases.
- Successfully sues for fraud when debtors and their officers, directors, and shareholders order goods while insolvent, having no intention or ability to pay.
- Successfully sues for fraud to recover assets when debtors hobble collection efforts by transferring assets or starting successor businesses.

For Commercial Litigation victories, [click here](#) .

Real Estate and Condominium Litigation

- Obtains rescission of real estate contracts, and damages, due to sellers' fraud.
- Obtains specific performance of real estate contracts where sellers have refused to close.
- Obtains substantial money judgments for purchasers in defects cases.

For Real Estate and Condominium Litigation victories, [click here](#) .

HONORS

Named to the "Gen X Leaders in Law " list, Crain's Chicago Business, 2019

Named to the "*40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch*" list, Law Bulletin Publishing Company

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Adjunct Professor of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law for Advanced Legal Research and Writing

State-Licensed Continuing Education Instructor for real estate licensees for core courses on litigation avoidance.

Instructor to CPAs for Continuing Professional Education on liability avoidance for business owners, State of Illinois

Lecturer with jurists and government officials to law students on discovery and motion practice at "Litigation Boot Camp" seminars, University of Illinois

Former Chair of the Chicago Bar Association Real Property Law Committee

Member of the Chicago Bar Association's Trial Techniques, Civil Procedure, Bench/Bar Relations, and Client Development and Firm Economics Committees

Member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association and the Commercial Law League of America

Member of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce - Young Entrepreneurs Forum and the Jewish United Fund

Teacher at Smyser Elementary School as a "Lawyer in the Classroom"

EDUCATION

J.D., Albany Law School of Union University, 1995

- Albany Law Review
- Moot Court Board
- Rugby Scrum Half

B.A., Indiana University, 1991, *magna cum laude*

- Phi Beta Kappa

BAR ADMISSION

Illinois

FIRM MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

Executive Committee Member