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OVERVIEW

Judah Druck represents corporate and individual policyholders in insurance coverage and complex business disputes. Judah's experience includes advising clients and litigating actions concerning product liabilities, environmental and toxic tort liabilities, directors and officers-related liabilities, first-party property loss, business interruption, and broker negligence. Judah has recently represented clients in insurance coverage disputes concerning COVID-19 losses.

Judah also maintains a robust commercial litigation practice spanning multiple industries and forums, ranging from representing investment banking firms in federal appeals, to representing medical device manufacturers in federal and state courts, to litigating putative class actions under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). In addition, he writes, presents, and advises on emerging technology in a variety of subject matters, including developments in blockchain, cryptocurrency, and NFTs.

Judah's pro bono practice includes seeking orders for protection with The Tubman Pro Bono Safety Project and applications for asylum with The Advocates for Human Rights.

Judah is a *cum laude* graduate of Cornell Law School, where he served as an editor on the *Cornell Law Review* and a managing editor of the *Legal Information Institute Supreme Court Bulletin*. He also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable William J. Martini of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Judah earned his bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. Before joining Maslon, Judah practiced at the New York office of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- *Navigators Specialty Insurance Company v. Depomed, Inc. n/k/a/ Assertio Therapeutics, Inc.* (N.D. Cal. 2019). Representation of opioid manufacturer seeking coverage under life sciences product liability policies for hundreds of opioid lawsuits brought as part of the nationwide opioid litigation.
- Insurance coverage counsel for Fortune 100 manufacturing company regarding mass tort and environmental liabilities.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

New York

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota
- E.D. New York
- S.D. New York

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Second Circuit
- Eighth Circuit

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School

J.D., *cum laude*, 2013

Brandeis University

B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2010

- Represent Fortune 100 company in coverage dispute to obtain millions of dollars in property damage losses to nationwide chain store locations arising from the civil unrest in the aftermath of the George Floyd killing.
- Insurance coverage counsel for health club chain related to claims against insurer for COVID-19 business interruption.
- Insurance coverage counsel for integrated healthcare system related to claims against insurer for COVID-19 business interruption.
- Insurance coverage counsel for former owner and officer of energy trading company regarding broker's negligent procurement of D&O policy.
- Counsel for heavy equipment manufacturer against managers of corporate owned life insurance program (COLI) and associated broker-dealers.
- Insurance coverage counsel for industrial fan manufacturer regarding coverage under CGL policies.
- *Long v. Miller*, 2017 WL 1968630 (D. Minn. May 11, 2017). Represented former CEO of multimillion-dollar business in shareholder oppression and wrongful termination dispute. Successfully moved in federal court to compel private arbitration.

Pro Bono

- Pro bono representation of transgender woman facing potential deportation after fleeing anti-LGBTQ+ persecution in her home country, referred by The Advocates for Human Rights.
- Pro bono litigation regarding copper-sulfide mining project – Member of team of Maslon lawyers providing pro bono counsel to environmental organizations in several related and complex challenges to a copper-sulfide mine project proposed to be built within the Lake Superior watershed and in close proximity to the Boundary Waters. Representative case: *Matter of NorthMet Project Permit to Mine Application Dated December 2017*, 940 N.W.2d 216 (Minn. Ct. App. 2020).
- Pro bono representation of *amici curiae* American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota, League of Women Voters Minnesota, Jewish Community Action, Education Minnesota, and Project Vote in petition to the Supreme Court of Minnesota regarding voter eligibility dispute. Representative case: *Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Simon*, 885 N.W.2d 660 (Minn. 2016).

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Twin Cities Cardozo Society: Program Committee, Co-Chair 2022, Member 2018-present; Steering Committee, Member 2022
- Congregation Darchei Noam: President 2021-present
- The Advocates for Human Rights: Pro Bono Attorney Volunteer

SELECTED HONORS

- **Attorney of the Year**, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2019
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2018-2019 (*North Star Lawyer is a designation that recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.*)
- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process**, 2020-2022 (*Minnesota Rising Stars is a designation given to only 2.5 percent of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.*)
- **Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch**, 2021-2022 (*These awards recognize attorneys, who are earlier in their careers, for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.*)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Insurance: Improve Your Insurance IQ – An Overview of Common Commercial Policy Forms and Basic Insurance Principles," webinar, Minnesota CLE, 2020
- Young Jewish Attorney Panel, Jewish Law Student Association - University of Minnesota, 2019

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- "Blockchain, Smart Contracts, and Cryptocurrency: Addressing Litigation Risks," The Trial Network, 2022
- "What is kosher? From Moses to Minnesota: A brief history of Jewish dietary law and the state's courts," Bench & Bar, 2021
- Quick Reference: Property and Liability Insurance in Commercial Real Estate Transactions
- *Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook, 5th Edition*, Minnesota CLE, 2021 Chapter Update
- "'Smart Contracts' Are Neither Smart Nor Contracts. Discuss." *Banking & Financial Services Policy Report*, Vol. 37, No. 10, October 2018
- "Bitcoin: Ready or Not....," *Bench & Bar of Minnesota*, May/June 2018
- "Droning On: The War Powers Resolution and the Numbing Effect of Technology-Driven Warfare," 98 *Cornell L. Rev.* 209 (2012)