

Aaron Lang

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Aaron's sweet spot is civil litigation. He has handled multi-billion-dollar securities, M&A, and corporate governance litigation; consumer class actions; RICO litigation; non-compete and trade secret cases; healthcare cases; and all sorts of business litigation. Aaron fights hard, but he also knows the art of diplomacy and the strategy of settlement.

Aaron also has extensive experience navigating companies and executives through internal and regulatory investigations. He has represented clients before the DOJ, SEC, IRS, DOL, Fed, and OCC, as well as State AGs and insurance commissioners. Much of that work has been for banks, including AML and rate-setting investigations and monitorship defense. He also has handled investigations in the insurance, healthcare, and private equity spaces.

Aaron constantly strives to improve client service: he focuses on listening to clients, learning their business, and making their lives easier. Aaron sharpened his client service skills through secondments at HSBC and Royal Bank of Canada, where he learned much about in-house perspectives.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Litigation & Arbitration Experience

- Represented a former CEO in securities fraud litigation, derivative suits, RICO actions, and other cases over a \$10 billion nuclear megaproject; won motion to dismiss derivative case and settled other litigation.
- Won trial on behalf of former president of company in arbitration over claims of misappropriation of equity and embezzlement.
- Prompted voluntary dismissals of two securities fraud cases through motions to dismiss.

Education

Duke University School of Law, JD

Harvard University, BA, cum laude

Admissions

New York

North Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Practice Areas

[Litigation](#)

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

- Won motion to dismiss and Second Circuit appeal in Madoff-related suit against hedge fund.
- Defeated motion to dismiss RICO, Lanham Act, and deceptive trade practices claims before settling litigation between tax resolution firms.
- Won trial in bankruptcy/fraudulent transfer litigation against a company's pension trust.
- Represent healthcare sharing ministry in consumer-protection class action and other litigation and State AG investigations.
- Represent healthcare company in non-compete and trade secret cases.
- Successfully mediated claim that bank facilitated multibillion-dollar money laundering scheme.
- Won motion to dismiss unfair competition suit.
- Won motion to dismiss lawsuit against major bank relating to aircraft leasing.
- Defended a major bank's former private equity arm in settled litigation over aborted acquisition.
- Defended numerous corporate clients and investment banks in securities and M&A litigation.
- Advised clients on proxy contests, investor activism, takeover defense, and other corporate governance matters, with a focus on Delaware law.
- Litigated numerous cases in Delaware Chancery Court, including a lawsuit over a dilutive recapitalization and 9-figure litigation over a private equity investment.
- Won key motion for partial summary judgment in trade secret case against a leading online loan marketplace. Prevailed in arbitration over sale of cryptocurrency business.
- Won motion to compel arbitration in federal court for a private equity firm, prompting settlement. Represented a multinational investment and financial service company in lawsuits all over the country regarding alleged tax shelters. Represented a brand management company in nine-figure contract case.
- Won key aspects of motion to dismiss lawsuit against insurance company, prompting settlement

Investigations Experience

- Seconded to HSBC to interface with DOJ-imposed AML/sanctions compliance monitor.
- Seconded to the Regulatory Management group in RBC's Wealth Management business.
- Conducted global investigation into bank's tax and AML issues revealed by the Panama Papers.
- Handled regulatory and internal investigations for major banks relating to FX and benchmark-setting.
- Investigated financial frauds for bank and designed remedial AML measures.
- Conducted investigation relating to alleged misconduct of public-company CEO.

Litigation, Government Response, and
Crisis Management

White Collar Defense & Government
Investigations

White Collar Healthcare Fraud,
Compliance & Litigation

Industries

Banking & Financial Services

Life Sciences, Pharmaceuticals & Medical
Devices

Private Wealth Services

- Represent healthcare sharing ministry before NY DFS and numerous State AGs and Insurance Commissioners.

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Lawdragon 500 Global Leaders in Crisis Management\(2025\)](#)
- [Best Lawyers in America](#)
 - Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Governance, and Compliance Law (2021–2025)
- [Super Lawyers](#)
 - Top rated business litigation attorney in New York, NY (2023)
 - Rising Stars (2014–2015)

Professional Activities

- Former member, Mecklenburg County Bar Finance Committee

Community

- Men of Cotswold
- Duke and Duke Law Alumni Boards
 - Co-Chair, Duke Law Regional Alumni Board
- Former Board member, American Heart Association