

Rick retired as a partner in 2015 and now is the firm's General Counsel, advising other attorneys on professional responsibility, loss prevention, and practice management issues.

In his former private practice, Rick was a general litigator whose practice emphasized appeals, products liability, professional and medical malpractice defense, and commercial litigation including trust and estates and fiduciaries. He has extensive trial experience and represented the interests of many foreign designers and manufacturers around the country, having handled cases in more than 20 states and having served as National Trial Counsel to a Fortune 500 company that designed and manufactured sophisticated medical devices. A former appellate clerk, Rick successfully handled dozens of appeals in state and federal courts, winning appeals in all four New York Appellate Divisions as well as the New York Court of Appeals.

Professional and Civic Affiliations

- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Past Chairman, Seventh Judicial District Grievance Committee, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, 1996-2002, Member of Committee, 2008-2014

Honors and Awards

- Named as *Best Lawyers*® 2012 Product Liability Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year” in Rochester, NY
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Commercial Litigation and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Selected to the Upstate New York Super Lawyers list, 2000-2018
- 2012 “Friend of Education” Award from Hilton Central School District Board of Education

Publications

- Co-author, *Use of Experts in Products Liability Litigation* (New York State Bar Association, publisher)
- Co-author, *Use of Outside Counsel and Product Safety Investigations* (Defense Research Institute, publisher)

Presentations

- Frequent lecturer for state and local bar on civil litigation, attorney ethics, and practice management.



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