

Joseph D'Avanzo Joins Pashman Stein Walder Hayden in Westchester to Lead New York Litigation Practice

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Pashman Stein Walder Hayden announced today that accomplished trial attorney Joseph D'Avanzo has joined the firm as Managing Partner of the Westchester office to lead the firm's New York office in Purchase and expand its litigation practice serving clients primarily in Westchester and Rockland and the five Boroughs of New York City. D'Avanzo was previously a member of the White Plains-based law firm Ledy-Gurren, Bass, D'Avanzo & Siff, LLP.

"With 34 attorneys admitted to practice law in New York, Pashman Stein is well positioned to handle high-stakes litigation matters in the state, and our strong bench of seasoned litigators is further bolstered by the addition of Joe to the team as the leader of the New York litigation practice," said Sean Mack, Co-Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice. "Joe brings a wealth of experience in mass tort and class action litigation, including matters where scientific and medical issues of causation are contested, and, as his adversaries know, he is a top-notch trial lawyer with an impressive string of victories."

Michael Stein, Managing Partner of Pashman Stein Walder Hayden added, "Joe has earned a solid reputation in legal and business circles as a strategic trial and appellate lawyer who has successfully represented Fortune 500 corporations in commercial, entertainment, personal injury, mass tort and complex litigation. We welcome him to Pashman Stein."

In addition to trying jury and non-jury cases and arguing appeals on behalf of companies and individuals in both federal and state courts, D'Avanzo has served as lead national trial counsel for corporations including IBM, UPS and Perrier, regarding mass tort, product liability and class action litigation. His clients include entertainment, fashion and sports managers and their talent; aerospace, biotech and life science

companies; product manufacturers; and real estate development, investment and construction firms.

“I am thrilled to join Pashman Stein’s outstanding cadre of attorneys and to lead the litigation group in the New York office,” said D’Avanzo. “This firm’s litigators are known for their sound judgment and trial strategy with a diligent focus on the clients’ best interests, and I am pleased to expand the firm’s footprint in New York.”

D’Avanzo’s litigation career includes positions as partner at Cerussi & Spring PC, at D’Avanzo Morreale, PC, at Schoeman Marsh & Updike and at Wilson Elser LLP where he focused on complex, mass tort, and class action litigation. He served as Principal Law Clerk to the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr. of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County.

With an “AV” rating by Martindale-Hubbell, D’Avanzo has been featured in The National Law Journal’s “Top Verdicts Roundup,” published articles in The New York Law Journal on trial strategy, tactics and complex legal issues, has been designated as a Super Lawyer™ (among the top lawyers in the New York Metropolitan area) and recipient of the Outstanding Products Liability Counsel Award by Terex Corporation. He earned his JD, cum laude, from New York Law School and a member of its Law Review, and his BS, cum laude, from LeMoyne College. He is a member of American Bar Association; Assoc. of Law Secretaries of the Supreme & Surrogate’s Courts; Defense Research Institute; Federal Bar Council; Law Secretaries and Law Assistants Collegium, Inc.; New York County Lawyers’ Association; N. Y. S. Bar Assoc. (Trial Lawyers Section); and NYS Supreme Court, New York County Advisory Committee on Tort Litigation.