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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Dispute Resolution Bankruptcy & Creditor's Rights

LANGUAGES

Spanish Hebrew

OVERVIEW

Albert D. Lichy is a Shareholder in the Litigation group. He represents businesses of all sizes in various stages of litigation and regularly provides transaction-related strategic advice. He also helps businesses assess the risk and opportunities in pursuing and defending a lawsuit, which often involves crafting bespoke transactional solutions.

Prior to joining the firm, Albert was an investment banker at a restructuring advisory boutique in New York City. There he worked on several distressed transactions and corporate restructurings. Albert was also an associate at an international law firm in New York City and has experience as an Assistant County Attorney at the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office.

Albert clerked for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the Honorable Paul C. Huck, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and was a judicial extern for the Honorable Alex Kozinski, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represented Perry Ellis International, Inc. and PEI Licensing, LLC as co-plaintiffs in lawsuit alleging breach of a purchase agreement for the sale of the Pro Player® apparel brand, resulting in an \$8.3 million plaintiffs' verdict following a 10-day jury trial in the Complex Business Litigation Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida in which the plaintiffs prevailed on all claims and legal theories including breach of contract, breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and piercing of the corporate veil.

Represented Jack W. Nicklaus and his manager W. Scott Tolley against Nicklaus Companies, LLC, in a hotly disputed arbitration involving a series of restrictive covenants and the rights to Mr. Nicklaus' name, image and likeness. The Stearns Weaver Miller team secured a victory for Mr. Nicklaus and Mr. Tolley after an 18-day Final Hearing, spanning over 6 months and involving over a dozen fact witnesses.

Represented the ClearSky Funds against its financial sponsor, the largest energy company in the world, which launched an attempted takeover of the Funds after disagreements involving the Principals Directors of the Funds. The Stearns Weaver Miller team secured a complete victory for the ClearSky Funds after a 6-week Final Hearing, which involved testimony from over 25 fact witnesses and numerous experts who opined on complex issues of governance and securities laws.

Represented Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP and a member of the Firm's executive committee in a malpractice action in the 11th Judicial Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County. The Stearns Weaver Miller team secured a rare dismissal of all malpractice claims brought against Fragomen and the member of the Firm's executive committee.

Represented KGH International Development against The Trillist Companies (and its principal) in a web of lawsuits in the Southern District of Florida, Florida state court and the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The Stearns Weaver Miller team secured a very favorable monetary settlement that was approved by the bankruptcy court.

Represented Perry Ellis International in a licensing dispute against a Fortune 500 company that sought to cancel the parties' license agreement after Perry Ellis' 2018 going-private transaction. The Stearns Weaver Miller team secured a settlement on terms favorable to Perry Ellis shortly before trial.

Represented Perry Ellis International in Perry Ellis International, Inc. v. BCIM Strategic Value Master Fund, LP, a hotly contested appraisal litigation arising out of the Company's \$476 million take-private transaction, involving five hedge funds also known as appraisal arbitrageurs. The Stearns Weaver Miller team helped Perry Ellis achieve a landmark victory in the complex business division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit (Miami-Dade County, Florida), persuading the Court that Burford Capital Investment Management lacked standing under Florida's appraisal statute to assert appraisal rights. Perry Ellis obtained a complete dismissal of Burford Capital's claims on summary judgment.

Achieved a full dismissal of RICO claims brought against Bluegreen Vacations Unlimited, Inc. in federal court in Fittipaldi v. Bluegreen Vacations Unlimited, et al., 18–61414 (S.D. Fla.).

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2024-Present

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Publications: Nudging Judges to Issue Decisions Can Pay off

Daily Business Review | February 2016

Publications: New York City's Annual Income and Expenses Statement Filing Requirement—a Land Mine for the Unwary Purchaser or Owner of Real Property

Cornell Real Estate Review | July 2014

Publications: The 'Too Big to Jail' Effect and the Impact on the DOJ's Corporate Charging Policy

Hastings Law Journal | June 2014

Publications: DOJ's Shift in Corporate Prosecutions: Too Big to Ignore

Daily Business Review | December 2013

Publications: The Availability of Performance-Based Fee Enhancements After in re Pilgrim's Pride

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal | January 2012

Publications: 11 U.S.C. § 365(d)(3)'s Creation of the Dueling 'Billing Date' and 'Proration' Approaches, and a Simple

Fix

Real Estate Law Journal | January 2011

NEWSROOM

In the Media: Miami-Dade Jury Award \$8.3 Million to Perry Ellis in Breach-of-Contract Litigation

Daily Business Review | | August 2024

In the Media: Fla. Jury Awards \$8.3M In Spat Over Sale Of Pro Player Brand

Law360 | | July 2024

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Team Secures \$8.3 Million Jury Verdict for Perry Ellis International Against United Legwear Company LLC

| July 2024

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Names Four New Shareholders

| September 2020

EDUCATION

J.D., magna cum laude, University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2011

Order of the Coif

Wharton School Richard Frost Memorial Award

Frank H. Gelman Prize

Blank Rome Alvin Ackerman Prize

B.S., University of Maryland-College Park, 2008

Robert H. Smith School Outstanding Hispanic Scholar Award

ADMISSIONS

Florida

New York

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit