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**David Reif**

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**Experience**

**Arbitrator and Mediator,**

Current – Providing Mediation and Arbitration Services both before and after the commencement of litigation, with a focus on commercial agreements and trade practices; franchise and other distribution chain conflicts, including termination and valuation issues; ownership rights and obligations under buy-sell agreements and other business relationships; the resolution of electronic discovery disputes during litigation.

**Special Master, Superior Court, State of Connecticut**

Current – Conducting settlement conferences for matters pending in the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Stamford

**Partner**

McCarter and English, LLP, Hartford, CT.

October 2003 – December 2015 (retired from practice of law)

Trial attorney, with a practice covering the full range of commercial disputes, with an emphasis on franchise and distribution disputes and counseling and corporate governance issues (minority shareholder rights, dissolutions, and valuation questions). Although they constituted a smaller portion of my practice, I also represented self-insured defendants in product liability actions and plaintiffs in major personal injury matters. I served for the last five years as chair of the firm's Franchise/Distribution and Trade Regulation Practice Group and served as Chair of the Electronic Discovery Working Group

**Partner**

Cummings and Lockwood, New Haven Connecticut

1999 to October, 2003, when I joined a number of other partners in a move to McCarter & English

My practice was like that described above, but, in addition, I defended hospitals in medical malpractice litigation.

**Partner/Principal**

Susman, Duffy and Segaloff, P. C., New Haven

Reif & Manke, P.C. New Haven

Peck, Lasala, Walsh and Reif, P.C., New Haven

**Associate**

Wiggin and Dana

**Law Clerk**

Hon. William H. Timbers

United States Court of Appeals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit

**Education and  
Advanced  
Training**

Juris Doctor, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

AB, *magna cum laude*, Government and Law, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.  
- Phi Beta Kappa

Pepperdine University Mediation Training program, Malibu, California, June 22 –  
25, 2016.

**Honors**

American Board of Trial Advocates; "Leader in the Field," Chambers, 2012 –  
2015; SuperLawyers, Top Ten Lawyers, Connecticut and Top 100 New England,  
2013 – 2015; Litigation Counsel of America; Best Lawyers in America,  
Commercial Litigation, 2013 – 2015.

**Volunteer/Bar  
Activities**

Lafayette College – Currently serve as a member of the Board of Trustees  
(serving on Student Life and Governance/Trustee Committees); previously  
served as President of the Alumni Council

Quinnipiac Law School – Dean's Council

New Haven Legal Assistance Association – member of Board of Directors and  
of the board of the Friends of New Haven Legal Assistance (fund-raising arm);  
chair of development planning committee for Friends

First Congregational Church of Branford – chair of ministerial search  
committee; Moderator-elect

Blackstone Memorial Library – former member of the Board of Trustees

Member – Judicial Task Force on Court Annexed ADR

Member - CBA Franchise/Distribution and Litigation Sections – former chair of  
both sections

Former member of the Council (governing board) of American Bar Association  
Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

**Publications and  
Speaking  
Engagements  
(partial listing)**

*Who Resolves Class Arbitrability* – Newsletter, Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Committee, International Association of Defense Counsel, reprinted Defense  
Counsel Journal (2014)

*Discovery of Electronically Stored Information*, Chapter 13, A Practical Guide to Discovery and Depositions in Connecticut (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.) (2013), Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc.

*EDiscovery: Four Important Lessons from the Restaurant Business*, Inside Counsel, (2012).

*Telling the Story: The Product Liability Lawyer as Teacher*, Inside the Minds: Product Liability Lawyers, Aspatore Press, 2003.

Presentation - Connecticut Bar Association Legal Conference, June 13, 2016 – *Advocacy Skills in Commercial Arbitration*

Presentation – *Arbitration: What Issues Are Decided by Arbitrators and Which Are Decided by the Court*, Connecticut Bar Association, Litigation Section, New Haven, Fall 2015.

Presentation – *Guidance? The Supreme Court on Class Arbitration and Removal*, Trial Attorneys of America, Chicago, June 2015

Presentation – *Who Determines Class Action Arbitrability* – International Association of Defense Counsel, Mid-year Meeting, Marco Island, February, 2015

Presentation - *Electronic Discovery Basics*, Connecticut Superior Court Judicial Continuing Education, approximately 2011

As of October 20, 2016