

New York

Cozen O'Connor is strategically located in two New York offices: Midtown, in the city's commercial business district and Downtown, in the heart of the city's financial district. Our dual offices offer our clients easy access to our attorneys in the firm's full breadth of practice areas.

The New York Midtown attorneys provide a full range of services including real estate, land use, structured finance, workouts, infrastructure, corporate securities, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital, communications, intellectual property, government relations, commercial litigation, labor and employment and private client services. Our business attorneys have represented a variety of clients (ranging from national and international financial institutions and corporations to individual entrepreneurs) in an array of corporate, real estate and finance transactions, and our litigators regularly appear in state and federal courts in complex cases throughout the United States.

In our New York Downtown office, our attorneys handle matters involving commercial litigation, real estate litigation, insurance coverage litigation, insurance regulation, domestic and international insurance services, and the defense of product liability, toxic tort and constructions claims. They also regularly represent clients in admiralty, reinsurance and professional liability matters and have tried cases in both state and federal courts. Lawyers in this office also handle asset-based lending, including ship and aircraft finance, and equipment leasing.

Experience

Represented a financial institution in the purchase of an office building in lower Manhattan, NY.

Represented an anonymous blogger in two separate but related cases arising out of the same operative facts. The judge in both underlying cases required pre-action disclosure of the identity of said blogger, who allegedly defamed a candidate running for office in a local election, holding that because the blogger accused the candidate of, among other things, engaging in actions that were "downright criminal," disclosure that might enable the candidate to bring an action for defamation was required. The Appellate Division reversed and dismissed both actions, holding that no reasonable reader would understand the blog statements as anything other than rhetoric in the heat of a hotly contested election campaign, and, thus, not statements of fact, but protected opinion.



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