

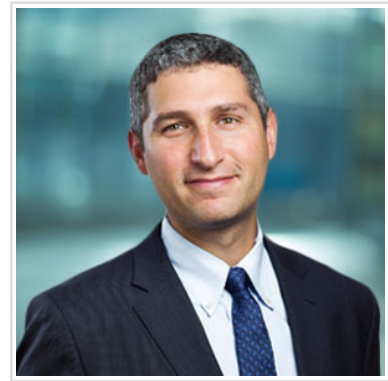
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Eric Porter is a seasoned commercial litigator with experience across a wide range of practice areas. Previously serving as a Senior Counsel for the New York City Law Department and handling high profile cases involving civil rights issues, education law, ADA compliance and class action defense, Eric now represents commercial clients in state and federal court through all phases of litigation. His practice encompasses everything from intellectual property matters, contract disputes, insurance fraud investigations, and product labeling claims, to the recognition of foreign arbitration awards, corporate ownership disputes, construction litigation and personal injury.

Eric regularly argues before the state and federal district courts of the state of New York, along with appellate courts including the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He prides himself on taking a pragmatic and nuanced approach to each case, always focused on achieving the best possible outcome for his clients.

Representative Matters

- Secured a judgment from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and successfully defended that judgment on appeal to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, in a matter brought on behalf of a firm client based in China to enforce a foreign arbitration award entered against a U.S. company
- Successfully defended multiple corporate and individual clients from fraud and fraudulent conveyance claims in a complex financial dispute
- Litigated and negotiated the successful resolution of a matter involving fraud against a publicly traded company by its in-house auditor
- Served as lead counsel for the New York City Department of Education (DOE) in a case challenging the DOE's legal rights and obligations stemming from New York State's recently enacted universal pre-kindergarten statute, and secured victories for his client in an administrative proceeding and on appeal of that proceeding in Albany Supreme Court
- Served as lead counsel for the City of New York in complex class action lawsuits challenging the provision of various types of public benefits to class members, and secured favorable results for his client

Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Class Actions
Higher Education
Insurance Industry

Bar and Court Admissions

New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Education

Temple University Law School, JD, 2007

George Washington University, BA, 2004

Recognition & Involvement

While with the City of New York, Eric received the New York City Department of Homeless Services' (DHS) Legal Excellence Award in 2010, the highest award given to a DHS attorney. Eric also volunteers for the Humane Society of the United States, and during law school worked in the Humane Society's Animal Protection Litigation Department.

In the News

White And Williams Announces Lawyer Promotions
January 4, 2021

White and Williams Announces Lawyer Promotions
January 2, 2020

Publications

Parties to Private Commercial Arbitrations Held Overseas May Not Be Able to Utilize US Courts to Obtain Discovery
Commercial Litigation Alert | July 9, 2020

Non-Signatories to Foreign Arbitration Agreements May Be Able to Compel Arbitration
Commercial Litigation Alert | June 3, 2020

M&A Risk Allocation: Drafting and Litigation Considerations in the Era of COVID-19
Commercial Litigation Alert | May 1, 2020

Recent Cases Shed Light on Enforcement of Foreign Arbitration Awards
The Legal Intelligencer | January 10, 2019

Cases & Deals

White and Williams Team Prevails in Enforcement of Foreign Arbitration Award
June 4, 2019

White and Williams Secures Domestic Confirmation of Six-Figure Foreign Arbitration Award
August 24, 2018