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Ira M. Levin is a partner at Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P. C. Mr. Levin serves the commercial litigation and general commercial legal needs of entrepreneurs, partnerships and family business interests as well as middle market and publicly traded companies.

Mr. Levin counsels his private clients in connection with acquisitions and divestitures, traditional labor and employment matters as well as regulatory matters. He has tried cases to both juries and judges in state and federal courts and before arbitrators and administrative agencies. Mr. Levin has also argued appeals in both state and federal appellate courts and has been engaged by trade associations as outside counsel, in matters of special interest.

Mr. Levin's practice has an emphasis on the motor vehicle franchise matters. He represents public and private entities in automobile manufacturer relations, the purchase and sale of automobile dealerships and dealer groups, dealership real estate, and all related dealership litigation. In his work in connection with motor vehicle franchise disputes under the Illinois Motor Vehicle Franchise Act, Mr. Levin frequently appears before the Illinois Motor Vehicle Review Board. Mr. Levin has successfully argued several appeals by manufacturers of successful awards he obtained on behalf of motor vehicle dealers before the Board, including before the Illinois Appellate Court and the Illinois Supreme Court. Following the Chapter 11 reorganizations of GM and Chrysler in 2009, Mr. Levin arbitrated on behalf of franchise owners in more than 30 reinstatement cases. Winning two of only three Chrysler reinstatement cases in the state of Illinois.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Litigation

Corporate

Labor and Employment

Automotive Franchise

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Federal Trial Bar

EDUCATION

University of Miami (B.B.A., *cum laude*, 1982)

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 1986)



Mr. Levin has both prosecuted and defended a wide range of contractual and business tort claims including shareholder disputes and fiduciary duty and tortious interference claims. He has represented real estate developers in a variety of real estate disputes and has prosecuted and defended companies in labor and employment matters including the Fair Labor Standards Act, non-compete, and trade secret cases. Mr. Levin also has significant experience in defending professional liability claims as well as consumer claims, including class action defense work in both federal and state courts.

Mr. Levin is a member of the Federal Trial Bar and is admitted to practice in all courts in the state of Illinois, the Northern District of Illinois, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Honors & Awards

- Through a peer review conducted by Martindale-Hubbell, the leading legal rating service in the United States, Mr. Levin received a ranking of AV Preeminent: "possessing the highest level of professional excellence."

Professional/Community

- Federal Trial Bar
- National Auto Dealer Counsel (NADC)