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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.

Experience

- General Motors Corporation, et al. v. The State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Review Board, et al., 221 Ill.2d 1, 862 N.E.2d 209, 308 Ill.Dec.611 (2007), Case Nos. 101585 and 101601, Supreme Court of Illinois
- Ramon Alvarado, et al. v. Corporate Cleaning Services, Inc., et al., 782 F.3d 365 (7th Cir. 2015), Case No. 13-3818, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- Nissan North America v. The Motor Vehicle Review Board, et al., 7 N.E.3d 25 (Ill. App. 1 Dist. 2014), Case No. 1-12-3795, Appellate Court of Illinois, First District
- Nissan North America, Inc. v. Jim M'Lady Oldsmobile, Inc., 486 F.3d 989 (7th Cir. 2007)
- Nissan North America, Inc. v. Jim M'Lady Oldsmobile, Inc., 307 F.3d 601 (7th Cir. 2002)
- George Keporos v. Loquercio Automotive South, Inc. d/b/a Honda City, 2014 IL App (1st) 151074-U, Case No. 1-15-1074, Appellate Court of Illinois, First District

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)

Insights

NEWS

Car dealers sue Rivian, state over direct sales
News, Crain's Chicago Business , [March 26, 2021](#)



Firm's Levin Negotiates End to High-Rise Window Washers' Strike
News, [July 30, 2018](#)

Firm Supports Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
News, [March 17, 2017](#)

Not So Fast: Firm Puts Brakes on Auto Maker's Unlawful Surcharge for Infiniti and Nissan Dealers
News, [December 6, 2012](#)

ALERTS

Auto Dealer Victory: U.S. Supreme Court Rules Service Advisors Are Exempt From Overtime Pay
Alert, [April 20, 2018](#)

BWM&S Fights for GM and Chrysler Dealers Seeking Reinstatement
Alert, [February 22, 2010](#)