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Scott Mollen is a highly experienced commercial litigator, regarded as a powerful asset by clients facing high stakes legal challenges.

Scott regularly advises prominent corporations, financial institutions, business executives and sophisticated commercial real estate interests in litigation, mediation, arbitration and negotiations. He is experienced in a range of business issues including breaches of contract, fiduciary duties, fraud and partnership disputes; real estate development, financing, purchases and sales, leasing, zoning, appraisals and government relations. Scott has also been a court-appointed receiver for properties in and outside of New York City. He was appointed by the Chief Judge of the NY Court of Appeals to the NYS Supreme Court Commercial Division Advisory Council. He was also appointed by the New York State Appellate Division, First Department, to its Attorney Grievance Committee. Additionally, Scott is a former chair of the NYC Rent Guidelines Board during the Administration of former Mayor Ed Koch.

Trial and Appellate Practice

Scott is a sought-after trial and appellate lawyer, who has successfully advised clients in numerous federal and state litigations, including successful appeals to the New York State Appellate Division's First and Second Departments, the New York State Court of Appeals and other courts.

Government Relations

Scott's practice also involves government relations work for corporate clients doing business with the government; representing clients in government investigations and disputes; and representing government agencies, public officials and their families in a wide range of matters.

Condominiums and Cooperatives

Scott represented one of the largest condominium converters in the country and helped guide three of the most prominent and successful "eviction plan" conversions in Manhattan. He also helped resolve numerous construction related disputes between condominium sponsors and unit owners and related investigations by the Office of the New York State Attorney General.

New York Law Journal: Realty Law Digest

For more than 35 years, Scott has authored *Realty Law Digest*, a weekly column in the *New York Law Journal* that analyzes real estate case law. Over this span, Scott has authored more than 1,500 articles on issues such as development, construction, finance, joint ventures, condominiums, cooperatives, brokerage, zoning, foreclosure, condemnation, environmental issues and landlord/tenant law.

Services

- Litigation
- Corporate Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Divorce & Partnership Disputes
- Construction and Development
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Distressed Real Estate
- Real Estate Hospitality
- White Collar Defense & Investigations
- Government Relations
- Employment Litigation
- COVID-19 Task Force and Resource Center

Education

- St. John's University School of Law (J.D., 1972)
- New York University

Recognitions and Accolades

- *Chambers USA* - Real Estate Litigation (2020 - 2024)
- *Legal 500* - Recommended Lawyer - Real Estate Construction & Construction Litigation (2023 & 2024)
- *New York Law Journal*, Lifetime Achievement Award (2022)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2016 - 2025); Litigation - Construction (2024 & 2025)



- *Thomson Reuters New York Metro Super Lawyers* (2006 - 2023)



Award Methodology

Memberships & Associations

- Board of Editors, *New York Law Journal*
- Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation panels:
 - United States District Court, Eastern District, New York

- United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District, New York
- New York City Bar Association
 - Judicial Screening Committee
- Nassau County Bar Association
 - Commercial Litigation Committee
- New York State Supreme Court Commercial Division Advisory Council
- New York State, Appellate Division, First Department
 - Attorney Grievance Committee
- Former Vice-Chairperson, Anti-Defamation League, New York Regional Board
- Herrick's Diversity Committee