



**CHRIS PROVENZANO** has been practicing complex financial and commercial litigation since he began his career at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. A graduate of Columbia Law School, he represents large and small corporations and their officers in litigation, arbitration and regulatory investigations.

Chris litigates a wide variety of commercial matters in court and arbitration, ranging from partnership disputes to minority shareholder litigation to multi-million-dollar contract cases. He has handled various securities law matters, including numerous class actions, in industries ranging from finance to pharmaceuticals and mortgage lending and securitization. He has also conducted investigations relating to securities law and other regulatory issues. In addition to his work as an advocate, Chris is also a member of the arbitration panel with the American Arbitration Association and has sat as an arbitrator.

Chris's trial experience includes complex and highly technical matters both in court and arbitration, including a more than month-long trial in the Eastern District of New York raising issues of federal preemption, Indian law, gaming law and land use, and having been temporarily admitted to the bar of the High Court of Tanzania, representing an investor in a power plant project in a dispute involving the copartner, contractor and financing banks. The latter case involved parallel ICSID, New York and English proceedings in addition to the Tanzanian trial and was one of the largest (if not the largest) trials to be held in the Tanzanian courts, with nearly half a billion dollars at issue.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Former member, New York City Bar Association Ethics Committee
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#### **EDUCATION**

##### **Columbia Law School**

J.D., 2002

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

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##### **University of California, Los Angeles**

M.A., 1997 (Ethnomusicology)

##### **Tufts University**

B.A., 1994, cum laude

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York

Southern District of New York

Eastern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

United States Supreme Court