

John W. Cerreta

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Overview

John Cerreta is a litigator who represents clients in complex tort and product liability cases, insurance coverage disputes and class actions. Clients rely on John to handle their most complex appeals and critical motions. He has briefed and argued numerous appeals in the Second Circuit, and appellate courts in Connecticut and throughout the U.S.

Before joining Day Pitney, John served as a law clerk to Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. of the United States Supreme Court. Prior to that, he was an associate in the New York office of an international law firm. John also clerked for then-Judge Alito and Judge Michael A. Chagares of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 2005 to 2007.

Firm Leadership:

- Leader, Appellate Practice

Practices & Industries

Appellate

Class Action Litigation

Data Privacy, Protection & Litigation

Energy Litigation

Insurance & Reinsurance

Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

Litigation

Mass Tort Litigation

Product Liability & Torts Litigation

Education and Credentials

Education

Cornell Law School, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2005

University of Connecticut, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2002

Admissions

State of New York

State of Connecticut

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

Affiliations

American Bar Association, Section of Litigation

Connecticut Bar Association, Appellate Practice Committee

Federal Bar Council

Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows, Fellow, 2026

Recognition and Community

No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the highest court of any state. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome. See Awards Methodology.

Recognitions

Selected to the list of Connecticut *Super Lawyers*®, Business Litigation, 2026

Selected as the Appellate Practice Lawyer of the Year for the Hartford Area by *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), 2027

Chosen for inclusion in the *Legal 500 US City Elite Guide* of recognized practitioners for Commercial Disputes in Connecticut, 2026

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.) for Appellate Practice, 2023-2025

Chosen for inclusion in the *Chambers USA Legal Directory* (Chambers & Partners)of recognized practitioners for Litigation: General Commercial in Connecticut, 2022-2026

Recipient of a Day Pitney Coleman Award for his commitment to pro bono and public service, 2015

Insights

Mallory Ruling Leaves Personal Jurisdiction Deeply Unsettled
July 13, 2023

The Delaware Supreme Court Adopts a Universal Demand-Futility Test in Facebook Investors' Derivative Suit
September 27, 2021

Revisiting the Relatedness Standard: The Supreme Court's Decision in *Ford Motor Co. v. Montana Eighth Judicial District Court* Refines the Standard for Specific Jurisdiction and Leaves Unanswered Questions
March 29, 2021

Can He Do That? The Governor's Authority to Suspend or Modify Statutes in an Emergency Like the Covid-19 Pandemic
April 4, 2020

Day Pitney to Host CLE on Employment Law and Contract and Tort Healthcare Issues
April 13, 2016

Federal Preemption Under the Federal Aviation Act
July 16, 2019

Supreme Court Removes Obstacle for Plaintiffs Asserting Takings Claims in Federal Court
June 26, 2019

Soto v. Bushmaster: The Sandy Hook victims notch a stunning victory, but at what cost?
March 20, 2019

Navigating Recent Changes to Connecticut Design Law
July 21, 2017

Design Defects at the Connecticut Supreme Court: A Doctrine in Flux
September 19, 2016

General Jurisdiction After Daimler AG v. Bauman
February 1, 2016

High Court Dives Into The Restraint Of Untainted Assets
December 23, 2015

News

Day Pitney Recognized in 2026 Legal 500 US City Elite Guide
Day Pitney Press Release, February 25, 2026

Chambers Recognizes Day Pitney with Elevated Rankings Across Practices and Attorneys
June 6, 2024

Chambers USA 2023 Ranks 35 Day Pitney Attorneys and 13 Practices
June 1, 2023

Chambers USA 2022 Ranks 34 Day Pitney Attorneys and 13 Practices
June 1, 2022

Four Day Pitney Partners Named BTI "Client Service All-Stars" for 2020
December 10, 2020

Day Pitney Announces New Partners
February 10, 2016

John W. Cerreta
January 1, 2016

Day Pitney Promotes Seven Partners
December 28, 2015

Day Pitney Represents Kent School in Significant Victory Over Schaghticoke Tribal Nation
July 13, 2015

Jeffrey Mueller and John Cerreta Named "New Leaders in the Law" by Connecticut Law Tribune
August 5, 2014

In The Media

Regulator Deleted Texts In $62M Gas Rate Feud, Agency Says
Law360, June 23, 2025

Stanley Black & Decker Vacuum Labeling Case Dismissed
Law360, March 31, 2023

John Cerreta Talks Clerking for Alito, Commercial Litigation Changes
Connecticut Law Tribune, January 12, 2017

Career Ladder
The Hartford Courant, January 12, 2016

New Partners for Day Pitney
New Jersey Business, December 29, 2015

Two Big Conn. Law Firms Make Partner Promotions
The Connecticut Law Tribune, December 29, 2015

Legal Experts Say Proposed Juvenile Reforms Raise Constitutional Issues
Connecticut Law Tribune, November 13, 2015

Full Circuit to Hear Challenge to Scope of Search Warrants
New York Law Journal, October 1, 2015

En Banc 2nd Circuit Tackles Data Retention
Courthouse News Service, October 1, 2015

Co-author, "eBay & The Presumption of Irreparable Harm in Lanham Act False Advertising Cases," 27 Computer & Internet Lawyer 1 (Nov. 2010)
November 1, 2010