



## Richard Colbert

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### OVERVIEW

Richard "Rich" Colbert is a trial and appellate attorney representing individuals and business entities in complex and general business litigation matters, principally within the Connecticut state courts. He has handled a wide variety of complex and high-stakes matters, including:

- Multimillion-dollar commercial lending and finance disputes
- Defense of sexual abuse claims against religious, charitable and educational organizations
- Employer-employee fiduciary duty matters
- Commercial property tax appeals
- Construction malpractice claims
- Commercial real estate disputes
- Substantial personal injury claims

Rich has tried cases before Connecticut state court judges and juries, participated in scores of successful mediations and arbitrations, and handled appeals to the Connecticut Appellate and Supreme Courts. Clients know and value Rich's ability to manage and conduct large, complex trials, behind the scenes and in the courtroom. As a result of his extensive and unique state court knowledge, Rich also regularly serves as local counsel for international law firms involved in matters pending in Connecticut state courts.

Rich served as the chair of the firm's Hiring Committee from 2002 through 2004, and as chair of the firm's Trial Training Committee in 2005 and 2006.

Rich served as law clerk for the Connecticut Judicial Department Superior Court Division in 1990-1991.

### EXPERIENCE

Represented Fortune 500 international postage and document technology company in alleged breach of contract action involving a \$50 million bid for a government contract with the United States Military Academy

Represented international lumber and mill wood products company in an alleged breach of investment and lending agreement action involving damages claims in excess of \$24 million

Represented former corporate officer in connection with mismanagement and fraud claims brought by investors against a \$400 million hedge fund

Represented Connecticut attorney in a landmark case involving a contingency fee dispute with a successor attorney; obtained substantial jury verdict and thereafter, prevailed on appeal to the Connecticut Supreme Court in case of first impression

Represented Fortune 500 global management consulting firm in a multimillion-dollar usurpation of corporate opportunity and breach of fiduciary duty action

## **SERVICES**

### **LITIGATION**

#### **FIDUCIARY AND PROBATE LITIGATION**

#### **PRODUCT LIABILITY AND TORTS LITIGATION**

## **INDUSTRIES**

### **REAL ESTATE LITIGATION**

## **INSIGHTS**

### **DAY PITNEY PREPARES TO ASSIST CLIENTS IN REQUESTING DESIGNATION AS "ESSENTIAL" BUSINESS UNDER CONNECTICUT'S COVID-19 "WORK FROM HOME" EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Co-author, March 21, 2020, *Day Pitney Alert*

### **CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR SUSPENDS STATUTES OF LIMITATION AND TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COURT ACTIONS DUE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

Co-author, March 20, 2020, *Day Pitney Advisory*

## **NEWS**

### **87 DAY PITNEY LAWYERS NAMED TO 2016 SUPER LAWYERS LIST**

Featured, November 10, 2016, *Day Pitney Press Release*

### **91 DAY PITNEY LAWYERS NAMED TO 2015 SUPER LAWYERS LIST**

Featured, October 30, 2015, *Day Pitney Press Release*

## **EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS**

### **EDUCATION**

Vermont Law School, J.D., 1990

Western Connecticut State University, B.S., 1987

### **ADMISSIONS**

State of Connecticut

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Fairfield County Bar Association

American Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association

Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association

## **RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY**

### **RECOGNITION**

Selected to the list of Connecticut *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters), Business Litigation, 2007-2022

Recognized as a *Super Lawyer* (Thomson Reuters), Corporate Counsel edition, 2010

United Way of Western Connecticut's Volunteer Award, 2013

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### **COMMUNITY**

The Volunteer Center of United Way of Western Connecticut, Board of Directors, 2012-present

Lawyers for Children America, Regional Director

The Volunteer Center of Southwestern Fairfield County, Chairman of Board, 2010-2012