

Alumni News

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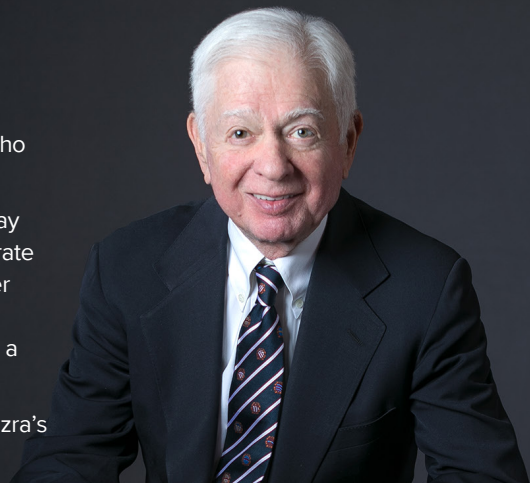
In Memoriam: Ezra G. Levin

Feb. 10, 1934 – Oct. 31, 2022

We mourn the loss of our former senior partner, colleague and friend **Ezra G. Levin**, who passed away on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022. He was 88.

Ezra joined Kramer Levin in 1979 as a name partner. At the time of his retirement in May 2020, he was the firm's chairman emeritus. A consummate strategist, a superb corporate lawyer and, above all, a gentleman, he was a go-to adviser for boards, CEOs and other senior executives on their most sensitive and complex matters. There was no more effective advocate for clients than Ezra, but he always represented their interests with a quiet and unflinching dignity that reflected his deep personal integrity.

An [article](#) was published in the Nov. 4 and Nov. 6 editions of *The New York Times*. Ezra's colleagues and friends shared their [memories of Ezra](#).



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Keep Us Updated!

We track moves to in-house positions, government and nonprofits. If you have moved or would like to be included in a future Alumni Moves announcement, please email us at alumni@kramerlevin.com.

Philip Bentley Appointed a US Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York

On June 30, 2022, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit [announced](#) that it will appoint Kramer Levin Bankruptcy and Restructuring partner Philip Bentley as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan. He assumed the role on Sept. 7. Congratulations to Phil!



Kramer Levin Welcomes Andrew Otis

Kramer Levin is [pleased to announce](#) that Andrew Otis has joined the firm's New York office as a partner in the Environmental department. Andrew advises clients on matters related to environmental remediation, permitting, compliance, climate change, and environment, social and governance policy. He previously worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and comes to Kramer Levin from an Am Law 200 firm, where he was a partner.



Alumni Moves

Congratulations to the following Kramer Levin alumni on their recent moves!



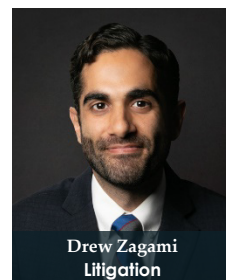
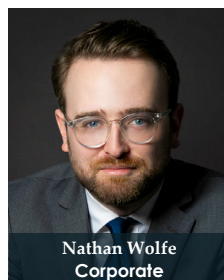
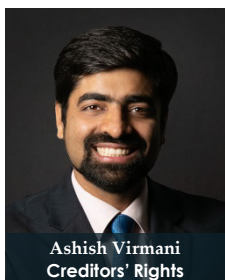
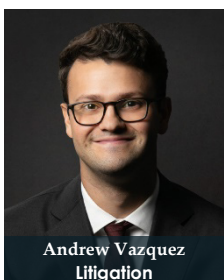
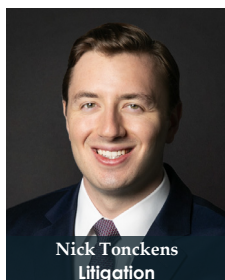
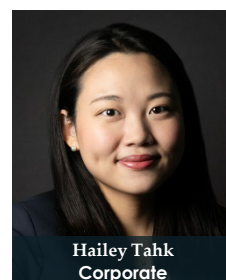
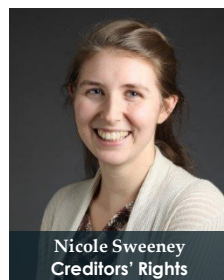
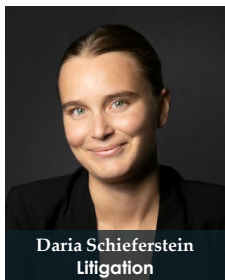
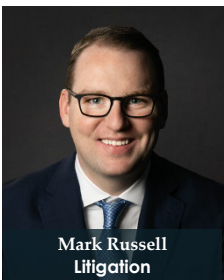
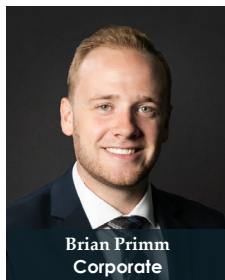
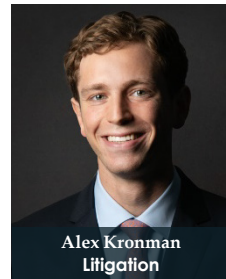
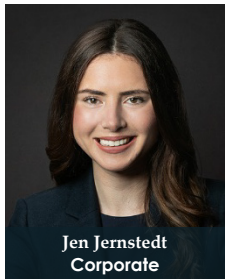
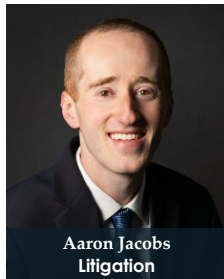
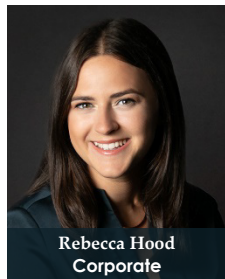
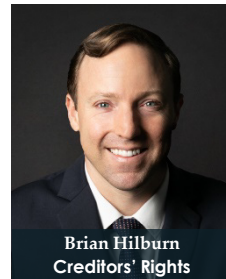
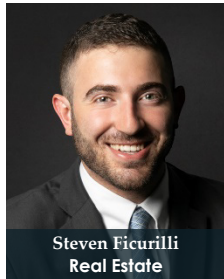
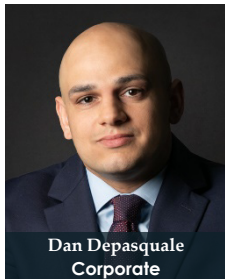
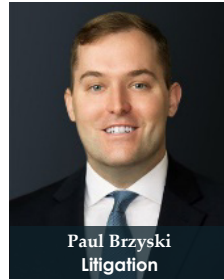
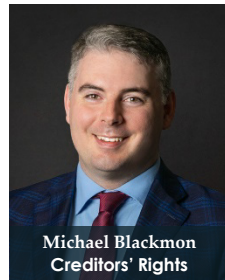
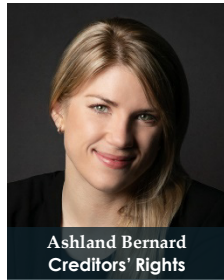
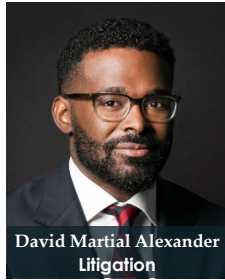
Alison C. Barnes has joined Everytown for Gun Safety as the deputy director of affirmative litigation.



Nathalia Bernardo has joined Rockwood Capital LLC as associate general counsel, real estate.

Welcome to the Fall Associates

We recently welcomed our new associates and law clerks! We wish them all the best as they begin their careers at Kramer Levin.



Kramer Levin Congratulates the 2022 Marvin Frankel Pro Bono Award Winners

The firm recognized those who rose to meet the firm's Pro Bono Challenge milestones for 100+, 50+ and 20+ hours of pro bono and community service, including board service.

Racial Justice Initiative Award

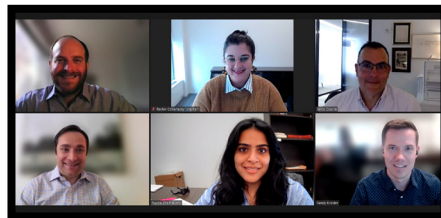
The Small Business Clinic team, for two years of setting up and running our monthly small business clinics that assist small business owners in Harlem and Morningside Heights in growing and maintaining their businesses. The team includes Corporate partner **Colin Bumby**, Corporate associates **Martha Petrocheilos**, **Eva Tanna** and **Mark Denton**, and administrative assistants **Lucille Hollenstein** and **Mary Christie**.



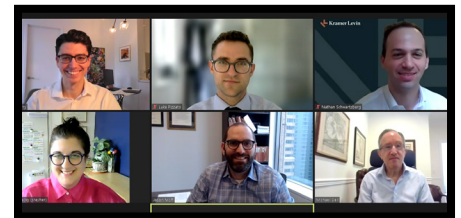
Team Awards



The *Goodman v. Stolle* team for successfully litigating a Section 1983 case alleging violations of the Eighth Amendment on behalf of a disabled veteran. The team included Litigation associates **Lauren Cassady Andrews** and **Shikha Garg** and paralegal **Christine Chase Carpino**, litigation support manager **Dana Wesley Sarti** and administrative assistant **Tara Amidon**.



The Litigation team for representing a Criminal Justice Act client and victim in connection with the high-profile prosecution of Larry Ray, who was charged with crimes including racketeering, forced labor and sex trafficking. The team included Litigation partner **Darren LaVerne**; Litigation associates **Scott Eckl** and **Genevieve Burger-Weiser**; paralegal **Santo Cipolla**; and former associates **Rupita Chakraborty** and **Rachel Goot**.



The Right to Counsel team for fighting to protect the constitutional rights of children and indigent adults to counsel in New York's family and criminal courts. The team included Litigation partner **Michael J. Dell**; Litigation special counsel **Jason M. Moff**; Litigation associates **Rachel Czwartacky**, **Martin M. McSherry** and **Nathan Schwartzberg**; paralegal **Phillip King**; and former associates **Aaron Webman**, **Luke Pizzato** and **Jake Goodman**.



Don't miss out on learning about the firm's pro bono efforts! Read the latest issues of *Pro Bono News*.



Kramer Levin Obtains Mansfield Rule 5.0 Certification, Commits to 6.0 Certification Process

Kramer Levin is pleased to announce that the firm has obtained Diversity Lab's Mansfield Rule 5.0 certification and is continuing its participation by seeking the newest certification level, Mansfield Rule 6.0. Launched in 2017, the goal of the Mansfield Rule is to boost the representation of diverse attorneys in law firm leadership by broadening the pool of candidates considered for those opportunities.

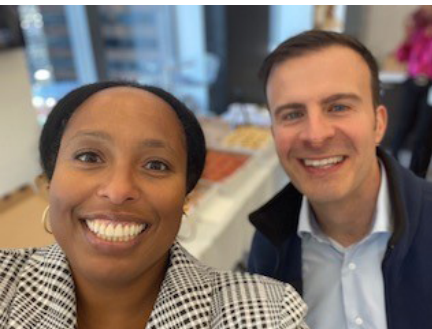
To be certified for Mansfield Rule 5.0, participating law firms must, among other requirements, commit to considering at least 30% women, attorneys from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, LGBTQ+ attorneys, and attorneys with disabilities for leadership roles, as well as including at least the same amount in critical pipeline activities and producing transparent leadership role descriptions.

Learn more about Mansfield Rule 5.0 certification [here](#).



DEI Socials

Kramer Levin's Diversity and Inclusion team recently hosted two DEI socials. Kramer Levin attorneys and staff came together to socialize and enjoy donuts, ice cream and smoothies, all while learning more about the firm's diversity and inclusion initiatives. Learn more about diversity and inclusion at Kramer Levin [here](#).



Recent Awards and Recognitions

For a complete look at all awards and recognitions, please visit our [website!](#)



Benchmark Litigation 2023 recognizes Kramer Levin.



Kramer Levin ranked third in *The American Lawyer's* 2022 Summer Associate Survey. Summer associates awarded the firm top scores in associate and partner interactions, training and guidance, opportunities to be mentored, feedback, collegiality, opportunities for pro bono work, and overall satisfaction.



Kramer Levin has been shortlisted in two categories for the 2022 Innovative Lawyers Awards, to be presented by the *Financial Times* on Dec. 5. The firm is a finalist for "Innovation in Sustainability" and "Innovation in Equity and Racial Justice."



Kramer Levin received the Legal Aid Society's 2022 Honorable Jonathan Lippman New York Pro Bono Publico and Public Service Law Firm Award.



Kramer Levin was named in Top Tier by 2023 *U.S. News & World Report* and Best Lawyers' Best Law Firms Rankings.



Chambers USA 2022 recognizes Kramer Levin



The Legal 500 US 2022 recognizes Kramer Levin



Kramer Levin among top 10 in New York in ALM Midlevel Associate Survey



Kramer Levin ranks No. 23 on 2022 *Am Law* Pro Bono Scorecard



Kramer Levin ranks in top 10 for Pro Bono, top 20 for Best Law Firms to Work For in 2023 Vault rankings



Managing IP recognizes Kramer Levin's Intellectual Property practice and lawyers

Upcoming Events



On Nov. 28, Bankruptcy and Restructuring partners **Daniel Eggermann** and **Rachael Ringer** will speak at Beard Group Inc.'s 29th Annual Distressed Investing Conference. Daniel will moderate and Rachael will take part in a panel discussion titled "Mass Tort Restructurings and Settlements." The discussion will focus on the use of Chapter 11 to address mass tort liabilities and the issues that arise in such cases, including the Chapter 11 cases of Purdue, Mallinckrodt and others. Kramer Levin is also a sponsor of the event.

[Learn more](#) or [register](#).



Join us on Dec. 5 for "Navigating the Rising Tide of ESG Policy, Regulation and Litigation across the U.S., Europe and the U.K.", a half-day virtual event in collaboration with U.K. firm Simmons & Simmons. Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) partner **Andrew Otis**, Paris partner **Reid Feldman** and speakers from Simmons & Simmons will provide insight on the ESG landscape in the U.S., Europe and the U.K. and a deep dive on navigating the fractured regulatory rulebooks.

[Learn more](#) or [register](#).



On Jan. 23, Kramer Levin Advertising Litigation partners **Norman Simon** and **Eileen Patt** will be hosting a hybrid event discussing trends involving advertising claims in Lanham Act and consumer class-action litigation, as well as at NAD/NARB, and their implications for the year ahead.

Register for [in-person](#) attendance or via [Zoom](#).



Reminders

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Alumni LinkedIn Group

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