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A preeminent litigator and trial lawyer, Brad Ruskin is a senior partner at Proskauer and co-chairs its Sports Law Group. He has served as co-chair of the Litigation Department and has been the Firm’s longest serving member on its worldwide Executive Committee.

Brad has tried a significant number of high stakes, headline-making cases to verdict or appellate victory on issues ranging from “bet-the company” antitrust challenges and novel Delaware Corporate law, to complex commercial disputes.

Sports Law:

As co-chair of Proskauer’s renowned Sports Law Group, a significant portion of Brad's practice is dedicated to litigating issues and counseling clients active in the sports business. The Sports Law Group has been recognized as the country’s top-tier sports law group by *Chambers USA* and as a “Tier 1” practice in numerous leading legal publications. He Brad has represented virtually every sports and conference league, including Major League Soccer, the National Football League, National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, ATP Tour, WTA, WSL, and various college conferences. In addition, Brad has represented ownership groups and clubs across major U.S. sports, including the Washington Nationals, the Miami Marlins, the Philadelphia Eagles and the New

Jersey Devils as well as media companies in sports-related disputes.

Technology, Media and Telecommunications:

Brad represents numerous technology, media and telecommunications companies in a wide variety of litigated disputes, including partnership issues, communications and copyright law issues, bankruptcy disputes, data breaches, contract rights and complex class actions. He has represented a diverse set of clients including T-Mobile USA, Tech Mahindra, ML Media Partners, Madonna, the RP Media Companies and the Rascoff/Zysblat Organization.

Antitrust and General Commercial Disputes:

Brad regularly defends clients in major antitrust and complex commercial cases. In the antitrust arena, he has litigated cases across myriad industries. In addition to literally a score of sports matters, he has represented companies such as Weyerhaeuser, Sanofi, Henry Schein and Lupin. In one precedent setting case, Most recently, Brad led the team representing Major League Soccer in a high-profile jury trial in the Eastern District of New York. After seven years of litigation, the jury returned a complete defense verdict in under one hundred minutes. Other notable sports antitrust cases include representation of the ATP Tour in multiple actions and proceedings in the US and abroad, and representation of the NFL in a variety of antitrust challenges to various parts of its business, including online sales and trading cards.

Brad also regularly handles a wide range of litigation matters, including contract, fraud, licensing, trademark, franchising, partnership, intra-corporate, real estate, bankruptcy, unfair competition and other commercial disputes. He has litigated matters throughout the country before both state and federal courts, as well as in domestic and international arbitral forums. Brad has also handled proceedings (along with foreign co-counsel) before the European Commission and the Office of Fair Trading.

Throughout his decades long career, Brad has been a leader in a wide array of public service activities. He currently serves as a Member of the Executive Committee and Vice Chair of the Legal Aid Society, the Chairperson of the Board of the Student Leadership Network (and recipient of its “The Man We Love Award”), a Member of the ADL Sports Leadership Council, and a Member of the Jewish

Theological Society's Advisory Board (and recipient of its Simon Rifkind Award). In addition, Brad frequently publishes articles, has taught a graduate school class at NYU's Tisch School, and has testified before legislative and other bodies concerning administration of justice and court operations in New York State.

Practices

Litigation, Trials, Antitrust Technology Task Force, Antitrust, Intellectual Property, Restrictive Covenants, Trade Secrets & Unfair Competition, Privacy & Cybersecurity

Industries

Sports, Private Capital, Entertainment, Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D.
Brown University, A.B.

Admissions & Qualifications

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court, Michigan, Eastern District
U.S. District Court, New York, Eastern District
U.S. District Court, New York, Southern District
Supreme Court of the United States

Memberships

New York City Bar (Former Chair of Membership Committee, Former Chair of Council on Judicial Administration, Former Chair of Network of Bar Leaders Special

Project on the Judiciary Budget)

Legal Aid Society (Board of Directors, Executive Committee)

Awards & Recognition

Chambers USA: Nationwide: Sports Law

The Am Law Litigation Daily, Litigator of the Week (for NASL v. USSF) February 2025

Law360, Legal Lions Of The Week (for NASL v. USSF) February 2025

The Legal Aid Society Servant of Justice Award 2022

“The Man We Love Award,” Student Leadership Network 2019

Judge Simon H. Rifkind Award, The Jewish Theological Seminary 2017

Sports Business Journal Power Players: Outside Counsel 2021

Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year, Sports Law: New York City 2016

The Am Law Litigation Daily: Litigator of the Week (for DTB v. ATP) May 2014

Chambers USA: Nationwide: Sports Law 2005-2026 (Band 1)

Chambers USA: New York: Litigation: General Commercial 2008-2026

Benchmark Litigation National Litigation Star 2014-2025

The Legal 500 United States: General Commercial Disputes: 2025

The Legal 500 United States: Industry Focus: Sport 2014-2026 (Hall of Fame, 2023-2026)

The Legal 500 United States: Litigation: Commercial Litigation 2015-2020, 2022, 2024

The Legal 500 United States: Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions 2018-2021

The Legal 500 United States: Media, Technology & Telecoms: Sports 2008-2010

Best Lawyers in America 2007-2027

New York Super Lawyers 2006-2023

Law360: Sports MVP of the Year 2015

Law360: MVP of the Year 2026

Lawdragon “3000 Leading Lawyers in America”

Profiled in the National Law Journal's "Winning" Supplement

Lawdragon 500: Leading Global Entertainment: Sports and Media Lawyers, 2025

Lexology Index Thought Leaders: Sports & Gaming

Lexology Thought Leaders: Global Elite (Sports)

Lexology Index Thought Leaders: USA (Sports)

Lexology Index Commercial Litigation (Recommended)