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Practice Areas

Appeals, Business Disputes, Civil Litigation, Civil Rights, Criminal Defense, Defense of Professional Licenses, Disability Rights, Personal Injury/Wrongful Death, Professional Malpractice, Public Interest Litigation

Profile

Andy Levy is widely regarded as one of Maryland's premiere trial and appellate lawyers, equally comfortable in civil and criminal courtrooms, before jury, judge, or arbitrator. As one of a distinguished group of attorneys who have been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for ten years or longer, Andy has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers'* White Collar Criminal Defense, Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Labor & Employment Litigation, and Real Estate Litigation categories. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, formerly Chair of the Maryland State Bar Association Criminal Law Section, 2011 winner of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Award, and among Maryland's Top 50 Super Lawyers. He is admitted in both Maryland and Washington, DC.

In 2010, Governor Martin O'Malley appointed Andy to serve as Chair of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities. The Commission advises the Maryland Department of Disabilities on changes to improve, reorganize, or streamline services for people with disabilities.

Andy's practice includes most kinds of criminal and civil litigation. His civil practice focuses on plaintiff's malpractice and personal injury as well as commercial litigation of all kinds on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants. Andy also has significant experience representing senior executives in employment-related matters and health care providers and other professionals in administrative licensure proceedings. His criminal defense practice is similarly diverse, involving everything from federal death penalty and fraud cases and representation of witnesses and potential defendants during grand jury investigations to state felonies and serious traffic matters such as DWI.

Through the years, Andy has acted as counsel in efforts to establish group homes for persons with disabilities in the face of active community resistance. He was lead counsel in the landmark *Potomac Group Home* case, which led directly to the elimination of state and local laws requiring neighbor notification and public hearings prior to the opening of such homes. He obtained the first judgment in the country under the design & construction requirements of the Fair Housing Amendments Act in the *Baltimore Neighborhoods v. Rommel Builders and LOB, Inc.* series of cases.

The diversity of Andy's law practice is reflected in the variety of courses he has taught as a long-time member of the University of Maryland School of Law's adjunct faculty, including Torts, Criminal Law, Evidence, Civil Procedure, Trial Practice, and Appellate Advocacy. Andy was voted Outstanding Adjunct Teacher of the Year for the 2007-2008 term (during which he taught Criminal Law) and the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 terms (when he taught Torts). He has also taught Constitutional Law at Stevenson University. Andy is particularly interested in law-related civic education and for a number of years has taught constitutional law and history to school teachers at summer institutes jointly sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education, Notre Dame of Maryland University, and the California-based Center for Civic Education.

Education

University of Maryland School of Law, J.D. with Honors, 1982.

Indiana University, Bloomington, B.A. with Honors in Political Science, 1978

Publications

- Coeditor of the leading Maryland appellate treatise, Sandler & Levy, Appellate Practice For The Maryland Lawyer: State & Federal, 3d ed. (MICPEL)
- Lead author of Levy, Hornstein & Weissenberger, Maryland Evidence Courtroom Manual (LexisNexis)

Awards

- Maryland "Top 50 Super Lawyers" (2008)
- University of Maryland School of Law Outstanding Adjunct Teacher of the Year for the 2007-2008 term (during which he taught Criminal Law) and the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 terms (when he taught Torts).
- ARC of Baltimore "Stanley S. Herr Advocacy Leadership Award" (2006)
- Volunteers for Medical Engineering "Robert Dole Award" (2003)
- University of Maryland School of Law Alumni Association "Benjamin L. Cardin Pro Bono Service Award" (2002)
- League for People with Disabilities. "Disability Advocacy and Awareness Award" (2001)
- Maryland Bar Foundation "Professional Legal Excellence Award for Advancement of the Rights of the Disadvantaged" (2000)

Media

- November 30, 2011, in a Baltimore Sun article, Andy Levy commented on the issue of providing lawyers in death-penalty cases. (<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-ar-grandison-20111130,0,4204721.story>)
- May 10, 2011, Andy Levy commented on Channel 13 WJZ News regarding some of the charges being dropped against Maryland State Senator Ulysses Currie. (<http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2011/05/10/some-charges-dropped-against-md-state-senator/#>)
- May 18, 2011, On Channel 13 WJZ News, the U.S. Attorney discussed the Jack Johnson corruption case and Andy Levy explained why federal prosecutions are so hard to fight. (<http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2011/05/18/us-attorney-discusses-jack-johnson-corruption-case/>)