

BROWN GOLDSTEIN LEVY

## Andy Levy



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### Practice Areas

Appeals, Business Disputes, Civil Litigation, Civil Rights, Criminal Defense, Defense of Professional Licenses, Disability Rights, Election Law, 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 20 years, Andy has been selected by his peers for inclusion in eight categories: Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Labor & Employment Litigation, White Collar Criminal Defense, Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Plaintiffs, Civil Rights Law, and Real Estate Litigation. He was named *Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year* in 2017 for Appellate Practice, in 2015 for Litigation-Real Estate, and in 2013 for Litigation-Labor & Employment. Only a single lawyer in each practice area in each community is honored as the Lawyer of the Year.

Andy was selected twice by the Maryland Bar Foundation for a Professional Legal Excellence Award - in 2000, for "The Advancement of the Rights of the Disadvantaged," and in 2012, for "The Advancement of Public Understanding of the Law."

Andy is a former 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 a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is admitted in both Maryland and Washington, DC.

Andy's practice includes most kinds of criminal and civil litigation. His civil practice focuses on personal injury, product liability, and malpractice, as well as commercial and real estate litigation of all kinds. Andy also has significant experience representing senior executives in employment-related matters, health care providers and other professionals in administrative licensure proceedings, and students and faculty members in academic disciplinary matters. 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 has been voted Outstanding Adjunct Teacher of the Year three times: 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. Andy is also a faculty member of the Judicial Institute of Maryland, where he lectures on legal issues to Maryland judges and masters.

Andy served as Chair of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities from 2010-2015. The Commission advises the Maryland Department of Disabilities on changes to improve, reorganize, or streamline services for people with disabilities.

## 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*, 4th ed. (MSBA)
- Lead author of Levy & Hornstein, *MARYLAND EVIDENCE COURTROOM MANUAL* (LexisNexis)

## Honors

- *Best Lawyers* 2017 Baltimore Appellate Practice Lawyer of the Year
- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers
- *Best Lawyers* 2015 Baltimore Litigation-Real Estate Lawyer of the Year
- Top 100 *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2013-2017
- *The Best Lawyers in America* in the fields of Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Labor & Employment Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Plaintiffs, Real Estate Litigation, and White Collar Criminal Defense, 1999-present
- Mosaic Community Services 2015 Visionary Award in recognition of Andy's "faithful and relentless" advocacy on behalf of the civil liberties of individuals with mental illness.
- *Best Lawyers* 2013 Baltimore Litigation-Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year
- Maryland Bar Foundation "Professional Legal Excellence Award for The Advancement of Public Understanding of the Law," 2012
- Maryland Legal Aid "Human Rights and Justice Champion," 2011
- 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).
- Top 50 *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2007
- 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

## Presentations

- June 27, 2012, Andy Levy testified on HR 3356, the ADA Compliance for Customer Entry to Stores and Services Act of 2011, before the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution.

