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Practice Areas

Business Disputes, Civil Litigation, Civil Rights, Criminal Defense, Disability Rights, Personal Injury/Wrongful Death, Public Interest Litigation

Profile

Dan Goldstein's love of trial work has led to a wide-ranging practice that includes complex commercial matters, high-impact public interest litigation, personal injury, white collar criminal defense, and court appointments to represent defendants charged federally with death-eligible offenses.

Dan's business litigation has included defending a truck manufacturer in suits by disgruntled dealers, the defense of numerous officers and directors of failed savings and loans, a recovery for limited partners in a franchise who were misled by a franchisor, defense of libel actions, trade secret litigation on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants, lease covenant disputes for commercial tenants of shopping centers, and business partnership disputes.

As counsel for the National Federation of the Blind, Dan has initiated a national legal campaign to ensure access to technology. His settlement of a class action against Cardtronics, which provides for tens of thousands of voice-guided ATMs, constituted a major step toward making this ubiquitous convenience accessible to the blind. His suit against Target.com set precedent regarding the application of access laws to websites, and his suit against America Online has made AOL accessible to the blind. In litigation from Maryland to Florida, he has helped ensure the right of the blind to vote independently and in secret. This work has gone beyond litigation to partnerships, including the negotiation of joint technology agreements with technology developers such as Amazon.com.

In personal injury cases, Dan has secured large verdicts and settlements for victims of medical and legal malpractice, for persons who were criminally assaulted in an unsafe environment, and for persons who were harmed by unsafe pesticide exposure.

A former federal prosecutor, Dan's criminal practice has included successfully avoiding prosecution for a target of an independent counsel, representing an attorney charged with campaign financing violations, a minister charged with mail fraud, various medical practitioners charged with insurance fraud, as well as persons charged federally with violent crimes.

Dan is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, has been listed among Maryland's Top 50 Super Lawyers, and is a 2010 winner of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Award. In 2011, Dan received the American Bar Association's Paul G. Hearne Award for Disability Rights. This award is presented each year to an individual who has made significant contributions to further the rights, dignity, and access to justice for people with disabilities. Also, he has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* Civil Rights Law, Commercial Litigation, and White-Collar Criminal Defense categories.

Education

University of Texas School of Law, J.D. with High Honors, Order of the Coif, 1973
Amherst College, A.B. with Honors, 1969

Clerkship

Law Clerk to Judge Frank A. Kaufman, United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 1973-74

Publications

Dan's only publications, for the Texas Law Review, were arcane when they were written and are long since obsolete. Of greater interest would be Dan's speeches at the 2008 and 2009 national conventions of The National Federation of the Blind.