

BROWN GOLDSTEIN LEVY

## Dan Goldstein, Retired

### Founding Partner



### Practice Areas

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

### Profile

Dan Goldstein's love of trial work 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 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 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 made AOL accessible to the blind. In litigation from Maryland to Florida, he helped ensure the right of the blind to vote independently and in secret. This work went beyond litigation to partnerships, including the negotiation of joint technology agreements with technology developers such as Amazon.com.

In personal injury cases, Dan 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 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*, is a 2010 winner of *The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Award, and received 2018 *The Daily Record's* Lifetime Achievement Award, given to attorneys and judges who are well respected in their profession, active in their community, and dedicated to growing the next generation of legal leaders.

Dan was honored in 2016 by the National Federation of the Blind with the Kenneth Jernigan Award, an award given to someone who has made a significant contribution to the blindness community. Mark Riccobono, President of the NFB, commented "Blind Americans have made progress during the past thirty years due to the skill, imagination, heart, and commitment of Dan Goldstein and his work with the NFB."

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 *The Best Lawyers in America* Civil Rights Law, Commercial Litigation, and White Collar Criminal Defense categories and was named *Best Lawyers 2018* Baltimore Civil Rights Law Lawyer of the Year. In 2012, was selected for Fellowship in the Litigation Counsel of America, a highly selective and by-invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society whose membership is limited to less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Dan is a former Member of the American Bar Association's Commission on Disability Rights.

When Christine M. Netski, a partner at Sugarman Rogers Barshak & Cohen PC in Boston and named one of the "Top Women of Law" by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, was interviewed by *Law360* and asked "Outside your firm, name an attorney you admire and tell us why," her reply was:

*"I have had the opportunity to work with many good lawyers over the course of my career, but Dan Goldstein epitomizes my ideal of a truly great lawyer. Dan is a founding partner of Brown Goldstein [ & ] Levy in Baltimore and has enjoyed a distinguished career as a trial lawyer. As counsel for the National Federation of the Blind for more than two decades, Dan has spearheaded a national effort to ensure that blind individuals have access to technology, including websites, ATMs and voting machines, and is now focusing his efforts on ensuring equal access to digital information, especially instructional materials used in education."*

## 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

- *Breaking Down Barriers: The Special Role of Technology*, 23 *Widener L. Rev.* 211 (2017).
- Daniel Goldstein & Eve Hill, "The ADA, Disability, and Identity," *Journal of the American Medical Association*, June 9, 2015, 2227-2228.
- Goldstein, D.; Lazar, J.; and Taylor, A.. (2015). *Ensuring Digital Accessibility through Process and Policy*. Burlington, Massachusetts: Morgan Kaufmann.
- Daniel Goldstein & Matthias Niska, "Why Digital Accessibility Matters to the Legal Profession—A Conversation with a Young Blind Attorney," *ABA's Law Practice Today*, June 2013.
- Daniel Goldstein & Gregory Care, "Disability Rights and Access to the Digital World: An Advocate's Analysis of an Emerging Field," *The Federal Lawyer*, December 2012, 54-59.

## Speaking Engagements

- June 8, 2015, "The stick, the carrot, and cozying up: a litigation and legislative strategy for making e-accessibility the default in American post-secondary education," 9th European e-Accessibility Forum, Paris, France.
- "Shaping the Standard for the Legal Community: The Necessity for Access to Information for All," 2009 National Federation of the Blind Convention.
- "Protecting the Rights of Blind Individuals in the United States," 2008 National Federation of the Blind Convention.

