

**Robert Chester | Of Counsel**

Business Litigation

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Robert Chester focuses his practice on litigating real estate matters related to landlord-tenant, commercial lease, and governance disputes.

Robert's clients include cooperative and condominium boards as well as both commercial tenants and landlords. He has experience representing buyers, sellers, and investors in commercial real estate acquisition, sale, leasing, and finance transactions, including negotiating loan documents for acquisition, bridge, mezzanine, preferred equity, and construction lending.

## Select Engagements

- Represented a joint venture partner in connection with a disputed exercise of a buy-out option and alleged mismanagement by the defendant managing member.
- Represented a cooperative shareholder in an action seeking reformation of a ground lease.
- Represented a franchise owner and its principal in multiple litigations in state courts in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and D.C., in connection with breach of lease claims against various franchises and two enforcement actions for alleged violations of consumer protection statutes.
- Successfully briefed and argued an appeal upholding a client's award of attorneys' fees against a defendant housing cooperative in connection with a mold damage lawsuit.

## Admissions

- New York

## Education

- Oberlin College, BA
- Florida State University College of Law, JD