



PRACTICE FOCUS

Stephen Forte focuses his practice in the areas of distressed real estate, franchise law and business litigation in the federal, state and appellate courts in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, as well as other jurisdictions.

His distressed real estate practice involves representing lenders and special servicers in every aspect of distressed real estate, from the pre-default stage through litigation. Steve regularly represents clients in connection with non-performing loans and the exercise of remedies such as judicial foreclosures, rights under the Uniform Commercial Code, receiverships, replevin, workouts, litigation and resulting judgment enforcement/collection and contested bankruptcy matters, as well as with respect to title disputes and litigation. Steve's experience spans numerous types of commercial properties, including office buildings and parks, multifamily apartment, investment properties, construction projects and shopping centers.

Steve's franchise practice consists of representing franchisors and franchisees in drafting and reviewing franchise disclosure documents and related agreements. Steve also represents franchise clients with all related legal work, including the enforcement of their legal rights and the protection of their intellectual property rights.

In the area of business litigation, Steve's practice includes representing clients in actions involving business torts, corporate disputes, employment matters, breach of contract claims, breach of fiduciary duty claims, trade secrets and trademark infringement.

RECOGNITIONS

- New York Metro Super Lawyer Rising Star, General Litigation, 2017-2023

EDUCATION

- Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, J.D., Certificate in International Law
- Loyola University Maryland, B.B.A.

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Connecticut
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal

AWARDS

STEPHEN FORTE

Principal, New York

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Distressed Real Estate
- Franchise Law
- Restrictive Covenants and Trade Secret Protection

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association
- Swim Across America, Member
- Pace University School of Law, Alumni Board